

Ltr. to Director, FBI
NY File #100-80638

- (1). age of the comrade.
- (2). how long in the CP.
- (3). occupation.
- (4). union membership either CIO-AFL or independent union.

It should be noted that no names of comrades were taken or recorded by the membership director, but each comrade was given an appropriate identifying number or mark on the records maintained by the membership director. The informant stated that, therefore, the records proving CP membership of each comrade is known and in possession of the membership director. No receipts were given to the CP members for dues paid or showing proof of CP membership.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information.

New York, New York

November 14, 1949

MEMO

Re: SLOW DOWN IN INDUSTRY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated September 13, 1949, [redacted]
[redacted] advised of a conversation with [redacted] concerning a Communist Party
membership drive among the industrial workers in New York. The Bureau has
been advised by letter of this report.

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CHARLES F. HEINER, SA

cc: 67-2557 (P & C)
cc: 100-80638 (CPUSA - Membership)
cc: 100-31019 (CPUSA - Labor)
cc: 100-13282 (CP Infiltration of Labor)
cc: 100-7571 [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: January 6, 1950

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is attached herewith a compilation of Communist Party membership, first by states and secondly, by Communist Party District. These figures were obtained from the various field offices throughout the country. It should be noted that the total membership figure, however, should only be considered as an approximation inasmuch as some field offices did not have a definite membership figure and gave only their best estimate. It appears that this is true of the New York Office.

It is suggested that you include these figures in the next quarterly report submitted by your office in connection with the Communist Party, USA, on a national basis. Through your available sources, you should continuously be on the alert in an effort to obtain a complete up-to-date estimate concerning membership of the Communist Party, USA.

For your additional information, data have been received from the San Francisco Office reflecting that on November 30, 1949, [redacted] advised that Archie Brown, Communist Party State Trade Union Director in San Francisco, had stated that Communist Party members should be friendly with old Communist Party members who were no longer active in the Communist Party in an effort to get the latter individuals back into the Party. The possibility of developing additional confidential informants as a result of this move by the Communist Party should not be overlooked by your office.

Attachments

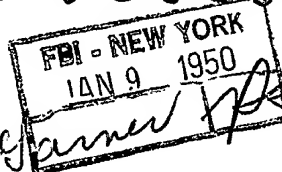
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COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP
BY STATES

<u>State</u>	<u>C. P. Membership</u>
Alabama	141
Arizona	151
Arkansas	49
California	6977
Colorado	200
Connecticut	997
Delaware	38
Florida	200
Georgia	83
Idaho	50
Illinois	3361
Indiana	650
Iowa	54
Kansas	6
Kentucky	15
Louisiana	150
Maine	25
Maryland	754
Massachusetts	1022
Michigan	1250
Minnesota	727
Mississippi	1
Missouri	458
Montana	80
Nebraska	57
Nevada	23
New Hampshire	43
New Jersey	1708
New Mexico	87
New York	25000
North Carolina	138
North Dakota	75
Ohio	2834
Oklahoma	190
Oregon	250
Pennsylvania	2876
Rhode Island	54
South Carolina	14
South Dakota	30
Tennessee	27
Texas	247

<u>State</u>	<u>C. P. Membership</u>
Utah	76
Vermont	10
Virginia	150
Washington	1485
West Virginia	136
Wisconsin	740
Wyoming	10
San Juan	100
Washington, D. C.	210
Hawaii	160
Alaska	5
Total	<u>54,174</u>

COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP
BY C. P. DISTRICTS

<u>C. P.</u> <u>District</u>	<u>States</u>	<u>Membership</u>
1	Maine, Mass., Vt., N.H., R.I.	1154
2	New York	25000
3	Eastern Pa., Del.	2264
4	Maryland, Dist. of Columbia	964
5	Western Pa., (Pitts.)	650
6	Ohio, Ky., West Va. Panhandle	2910
7	Michigan	1250
8	Illinois	3361
9	Minnesota, N.D., S.D.	832
10	Indiana	650
11	Oregon	250
12	Washington	1485
13	Calif., Ariz., Nev.	7151
14	New Jersey	1708
15	Connecticut	997
18	Wisconsin	740
19	Colo., N.M., Wyo.	297
21	Missouri	458
22	West Virginia	75
23	Texas	247
24	Louisiana	150
25	Florida	200
26	Virginia	150
27	Ala., Miss., Tenn.	169
28	Okla., Ark.	239
29	N.C., S.C.	152
30	Montana, Idaho	130
31	Georgia	83
32	Neb., Iowa, Kansas	117
35	Utah	76
	Puerto Rico	100
	Hawaiian Islands	160
	Alaska	<u>5</u>
	Total	54,174

607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

January 18, 1950

Director, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT #2
NEW YORK COUNTY C.P.;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau File 100-3-4

Dear Sir:

On January 13, 1950, CIND 426 furnished to the New York Office a Tally Sheet believed to be the breakdown of party membership for New York County Communist Party for October 1, 1949.

For the information of the Bureau the following figures are set forth:

Total Membership	6984
Male	3749
Female	3235

Negro	669
Employed	4100
Unemployed	851
Self Employed	273
Housewives	1031

Ages:	
Under 25	1019
26 to 35	2502
36 to 45	1852
Over 45	1611
Total	6984

cc: 100-80638

HPL:LJR

100-26603-C42

Letter to Director
NY 100-26603-C42

January 18, 1950

Unions:

CIO	2010
AFL	1136
IND	513

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

(1-10-49)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 100-26603 eg

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/19/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/19/49-1/13/50	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA DISTRICT NO. 2, NEW YORK DIVISION			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD - OCTOBER 1st THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1949

[redacted] confirmed as Organizational Secretary of Waterfront Section of CP, NYC. 1949 membership of District No. 2 continues to approximate 25,000. CP election campaign expenditures in District No. 2 put at approximately \$20,600. As security precaution, CP headquarters in New York were under guard day and night for several days in mid-October 1949 following conviction of 11 Communist leaders. Group system for security reasons continues in operation. No indication CP has gone underground since trial ended. Factionalist groups evidencing desire to reaffiliate with CP since conclusion of trial. NYC Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, only remaining Communist holding elective public office in United States, decisively defeated for re-election. Election hailed by CP to be of national importance. Shortly thereafter DAVIS expelled from City Council because of his conviction in Communist trial. Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO, American Labor Party candidate, crushed in his NYC Mayoralty bid. Feinberg Law held unconstitutional by NY State Supreme Court following sustained attack by CP. Fight for rent control, public non-discriminatory housing program, and alleviation of NYC water shortage pushed by CP. NY State Labor Youth League and CP veterans' and women's groups active in support of DAVIS and MARCANTONIO. Pitfalls of setting up third left-wing labor union recognized by CP. White chauvinism continues to be denounced and exposed by CP. Lack of contact by labor movement with rural groups stressed. Communists seeking control of proposed Television Authority. Activities of District No. 2 among national groups set forth. CP continues to be critical of religion. Reading and studying of magazine "Soviet Russia Today" by CP members urged by CP as source of facts and information.

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concerning Soviet Union. Negro and women questions emphasized in seminars started 12/1/49 by Education Department of District No. 2.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-3-4
Report of SA Russell S. Garner, 11/29/49, New York.

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CP, USA
District #2
New York Division
IS-C
NY File 100-26603
Period: October 1 to December 31, 1949

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)
(New York File 100-80638) ✓

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, reported that the 1949 membership of the New York State Communist Party continued to approximate 25,000.

It is to be observed that the New York State membership is 40% of the total 1949 national membership of the Communist Party, USA of almost 54,200, as reported by Confidential Informant T-55, of known reliability.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of District No. 2, Communist Party, USA for the quarterly period beginning January 1, 1950 and ending March 31, 1950.

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Copies of this report have been designated for the Albany, Buffalo and Newark Offices for informational purposes in view of their contiguity and interest in the activities of District No. 2, Communist Party, USA.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA Russell S. Garner, dated January 19, 1950, at New York, are as follows:

T-1 -- T-10	ND-426. This series of symbols has been utilized to further protect the identity of this informant because of the frequent reference thereto in all sections of this report.	
T-11	ND-419	b7D
T-12	Recording made by New York Office	
T-13	[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Charles F. Heiner.	
T-14	[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Charles F. Heiner.	
T-15	[redacted] who furnished the information to [redacted]	b6 b7C b7D
T-16	ND-301	
T-17	[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Edward W. Buckley.	b7D
T-18	[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Christopher J. Moran.	
T-19	[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Christopher J. Moran.	
T-20	[redacted] Bronx, New York, who furnished the information to SA Christopher J. Moran.	b6 b7C

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T-21

Sunnyside, New York, who furnished the information to SA Christopher J. Moran. b6 b7C

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T-22

who furnished the information to SA Charles F. Heiner.

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who furnished the information to SA August J. Micek.

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District Intelligence Office, Third Naval District, New York City.

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New York City, who furnished the information to SA

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San Francisco Confidential Informant SF-613

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Philadelphia Confidential Informant PAC-49

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who furnished the information to SA Frank J. Smith.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS (Cont'd)

T-33 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA [redacted] b6
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T-34 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA Frank J. Smith.

T-35 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA Edward W. Buckley.

T-36 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA Charles F. Heiner. b7D

T-37 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA Frank R. Longo.

T-38 [redacted]

T-39 Mail cover maintained on residence of [redacted]
[redacted] b6
b7C

T-40 Undisclosed reliable source mentioned in
Cleveland letter to New York dated December
13, 1949, captioned "Young Progressives of
America; Internal Security - C".

T-41 ND-425 b7D

T-42 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA Robert C. Burns.

T-43 [redacted]
[redacted] furnished the information to
SAs John J. Danahy and John W. Dooley. [redacted]
[redacted]

T-44 Symbol not used

T-45 Mail cover maintained on Union Square Optical
Service, Inc., 147 4th Avenue, New York City.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS (Cont'd)

T-46 NYT-493

T-47 Mail cover maintained on residence of
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b7C

T-48 Confidential mailbox maintained by New York
Office, contents of which were made avail-
able to SA John T. Murphy.

T-49 b7D

T-50 b6
 furnished the information to
SA George J. Sullivan. b7C

T-51 NYT-411 b7D

T-52

T-53 who furnished the information to
SA b6
 b7C
b7D

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 furnished the in-
formation to SAs and
Thornton M. Wood. b6
 b7C

T-55 Bureau letter to New York dated January 6,
1950, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
MEMBERSHIP; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", trans-
mitting compilation of Communist Party
membership throughout United States, as
received from various field offices.

REAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 100-4931 eg

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/19/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/19/49-1/13/50	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>QUARTERLY PERIOD - OCTOBER 1st THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1949</p> <p>Personnel changes made in National CP leadership in December, 1949 included election of GUS HALL as an additional secretary of National Committee, CP, USA; FRED FINE as secretary of Public Affairs Department; and ARNOLD JOHNSON as secretary of Party's Defense Committee. 1949 national membership of CP, USA approximately 54,200. As of mid-November 1949, Communist Committee to Defend the Twelve had received contributions of almost \$240,000. Expenses of CP, USA for first ten months of 1949 totalled approximately \$271,500. As security measure, CP headquarters in NYC were guarded day and night for several days in mid-October 1949 following conviction of 11 Communist leaders. No indication CP, USA has gone underground since trial ended. Factionalist groups manifesting desire to reaffiliate with CP, USA since conclusion of trial. CP, USA demanding that U.S. recognize Chinese Communist government. CP, USA received many messages from Communist Parties of foreign countries expressing their indignation at adverse verdict against American Party, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, only remaining Communist holding elective public office in United States, defeated in his bid for re-election, which was claimed by CP, USA to be of national importance. Continued attacks sustained by CP, USA against anti-Communist legislation. Industrial concentration work still stressed by CP, USA. CP, USA against forming third major left-wing labor union. Conviction of four World War II veterans, namely, ROBERT THOMPSON, HENRY WINSTON, JOHN GATES, and GUS HALL, who were among 11 convicted Communist leaders.</p>			
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denounced by CP, USA. CP, USA endeavoring to effect merger of Civil Rights Congress and National Association for Advancement of Colored People in connection with National Civil Rights Mobilization called by NAACP at Washington, D.C., January 15-17, 1950. CP youth clubs reportedly to be disbanded with their members transferring to adult CP clubs and younger members joining Labor Youth League. Possibility of International Sport Festival at NYC in August 1950 being explored by Young Progressives of America. Cultural Division of CP, USA critical of Communist trial. American movies decried for being used to further American imperialism in western Europe. CP, USA continues active among national groups. Roman Catholic Church still subjected to condemnation by CP, USA. "Masses and Mainstream", cultural monthly magazine, is entering 1950 with two-year deficit. Literature debts of various CP districts have grown in last three years. 70th birthday anniversary of JOSEPH STALIN utilized by CP, USA to highlight its educational work.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-3
Report of SA Russell S. Garner, 11/28/49, New York.

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CP, USA

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NY File 100-4931

Period: October 1 to December 31, 1949

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)
 (New York File 100-80638)

Confidential Informant T-61, of known reliability, made available the 1949 membership of the Communist Party, USA, which is listed hereinafter, first by states and secondly, by Communist Party districts.

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CP, USA

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NY File 100-4931

Period: October 1 to December 31, 1949

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At New York, New York

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T-11

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T-12

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T-13

[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Charles F. Heiner.

T-14

Recording made by New York Office.

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[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Christopher J. Moran.

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[redacted]

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[redacted]
New York City, who furnished the information to SA Christopher J. Moran. [redacted]

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[redacted] who
furnished the information to [redacted]

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Chicago Confidential Informant CGO-5358, who
[redacted] Riordan.

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[redacted]
[redacted] who furnished
the information to SA [redacted]

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS (Cont'd)

T-21 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Edward W. Buckley. b7D

T-22 ND-301

T-23 District Intelligence Office, Third Naval District, New York City.

T-24 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Charles F. Heiner.

T-25 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Charles F. Heiner.

T-26 [redacted] b6 b7C
New York City, who furnished the information to SA [redacted]

T-27 San Francisco Confidential Informant SF-613

T-28 Philadelphia Confidential Informant PAC-49

T-29 [redacted] b7D

T-30 [redacted]

T-31 [redacted]

T-32 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Frank J. Smith. b6 b7C b7D

T-33 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

T-34 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Frank J. Smith. b7D

T-35 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Edward W. Buckley.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS (Cont'd)

T-36	[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Charles F. Heiner,	
T-37	[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Frank R. Longo.	b7D
T-38	[redacted]	
T-39	Mail cover maintained on residence of [redacted]	b6 b7C
T-40	[redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted]	b6 b7C b7D
T-41	[redacted]	
T-42	[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Robert C. Burns.	b7D
T-43	[redacted] [redacted] furnished the information to SAs John J. Danahy and John W. Dooley.	b6 b7C
T-44	[redacted]	
T-45	Mail cover maintained on Union Square Optical Service, Inc., 147 4th Avenue, New York City.	b7D
T-46	NYT-493	
T-47	Mail cover maintained on residence of [redacted]	b6 b7C
T-48	[redacted]	b7D
T-49	[redacted]	

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS (Cont'd)

T-50

[redacted]
[redacted] furnished the information to SA George J. Sullivan. He requested that his identity not be disclosed.

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[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Philip J. Carroll.

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[redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted]

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ND-425

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[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Victor A. Lemaitre.

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Milwaukee Confidential Informant M-136

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[redacted] who furnished the information to SA Victor A. Lemaitre.

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[redacted]
[redacted] furnished the information to SA [redacted]. She requested that her identity not be disclosed.

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[redacted]
[redacted] furnished the information to SAs [redacted] and Thornton M. Wood. He requested that his identity not be disclosed.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS (Cont'd)

T-61	Bureau letter to New York dated January 6, 1950, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", transmitting compilation of Communist Party membership throughout United States, as received from various field offices.
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On 10/19/49, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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For original evidence see exhibit # 1386 in file # 100-80638.

Description of exhibit:

Registration and Dues Statement of CP USA as of 7/1/49.
(This information appears in the quarterly report, 7-1 to 9-30-49, under the "Membership" section).



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CP USA MEMBERSHIP-- IS-C. NEWSPAPER COLUMN OF WALTER WINCHELL RECENTLY STATED THAT A SECTIONAL MEETING OF EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS WAS HELD IN THE BRONX ON JANUARY TWENTY-FIVE. A REPORT WAS GIVEN AS OF JANUARY ELEVEN STATING IN SECTION TWELVE SEPTEMBER DUES WERE PAID BY NINETY-EIGHT PER CENT OF MEMBERSHIP, OCTOBER THIRTY-FIVE PER CENT, NOVEMBER FIVE PER CENT, DECEMBER ONE PER CENT. IN LATIN SPEAKING SECTION SEPTEMBER DUES BY FORTY-ONE PER CENT, OCTOBER TWO PER CENT AND IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER NO ONE PAID DUES. COLUMN INDICATED THAT THIS SITUATION IS TYPICAL AND NOT EXCEPTIONAL SINCE THE CONVICTION OF CP LEADERS. QUARTERLY REPORT COVERING BRONX CP NOT YET RECEIVED. NEW YORK REQUESTED TO SUTEL IMMEDIATELY IF MEETING WAS HELD ON JANUARY TWENTY-FIVE AND IF STATEMENTS SET OUT ABOVE ARE GENERALLY ACCURATE. EXPEDITE.

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Life of the Party

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

Member, National Committee, Communist Party

News from The People Of Indiana

se Party members. hate to agree with the chief of FBI even by inference, but I am optimistic enough to believe that a membership is possible for Communist Party in the next years, especially if President Truman keeps swinging the Taft-Hartley club against the workers, redup and layoffs continue, rents up, relief is cut, the Negro people are denied civil rights, the beat of a suicidal war is thrown out with reckless disregard of human lives, and J. Edgar cooks up spy scares annually.

HAVE JUST been in Wisconsin and Indiana for a short visit good to get out of hectic New York for a while. In these two states socialism is a real tradition. Regardless of those who may call themselves "Socialists" today.

From Milwaukee, Socialist Congressman Victor Berger was re-elected at a special election in December, 1919 after he had been refused his seat in Congress. He had been convicted under the Espionage Act in 1918, for articles against World War I in his paper the Milwaukee Leader, and sentenced to twenty years in prison. In 1921 his sentence was reversed by the U. S. Supreme Court because Judge Landis was disqualified on account of his prejudicial conduct before the trial.

In December, 1923, Berger finally took his seat in Congress without a single dissenting vote.

So Milwaukee workers are not unfamiliar with thought-control trials, prejudiced judges, the unseating of duly elected officials, such as we experienced in the Foley Square trial. And today many

are deeply concerned with the retrial of Harold Christoffel, well known for his splendid leadership in the auto workers union there. We had a good meeting (Lenin-Lincoln Memorial) in one of the halls of the public auditorium, which in spite of reactionary protests, has never been denied to the Communist Party in Milwaukee. One farmer came 250 miles to attend the meeting.

AFTER VISITING Gil and Lil Green and their happy youngsters in Chicago, my next stop was the largest steel producing city in the U. S. A. today (with all due respect to Pittsburgh), Gary, Ind. One hundred and twenty-six people were present and a collection of \$152 was made. Their quota in the Lake County for subscriptions to The Worker was 180 and they had already collected 208 by the time of the meeting. Claude Lightfoot, Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of Illinois, spoke with such moving eloquence that you could feel the intensity with which the audience listened to his words on why he became a Communist.

I will write of what he said and what another young Negro veteran, now an auto worker, said on the same subject here in Indianapolis last night.

There has been a 20. percent increase in party membership in Lake County during 1949, the distribution of leaflets is on the increase and they are eagerly received by the workers. The latest is "Housing - Not Hell Bombs."

After the conviction of the Communist leaders at Foley Square \$800 was collected for their defense in a few days, although the steel strike was on at that time. Fanny Hartman, Communist Party

Organizational Secretary for Indiana, made the collection speech for a budget for peace. Five dollars for 1,000 leaflets on the miners' struggle came from many; a \$25 pledge came from a veteran on his expected check and a handful of "cabbage" as one steel worker called the \$1 bills. One steel worker, who proudly told me that the first Communist speaker he heard was William Z. Foster, brought his three-year son to "his first meeting."

I was told by Lightfoot that Gary is not an exception. The Steel Section of South Chicago also grew in membership in 1949.

MY NEXT stop was South Bend, Ind., which has also far surpassed its Worker subscription goal. They had a quota of 75 and have already collected 166 subs. And are still going after more. Their registration is 98 percent and they hope to hit 100.

One Negro woman who got 10 subs told me she gave a sample copy of The Worker to a deacon of her church. When she saw him again he asked, "Isn't that a Communist paper?" She said, "Yes, it is," and to her surprise he answered, "That's all right. I've got two more people who want it, too. A group came to the meeting from Elkhart, Ind. where there is a newspaper called "Truth."

One of the big plants in South Bend is Studebaker where they make light cars. Olivar makes farm equipment. Another is Bendit, also busy on war orders, Indiana as a whole and South Bend especially is not hit by unemployment, as yet. In fact, speedup is so intense at Studebaker's that 30 fingers were cut off in 20 days and one worker's skull was pierced by a piece of a grinder. Paul Hoffman, former chairman of Studebaker, now in charge of the Marshall Plan, is "suspected by the workers of throwing orders from foreign countries to Studebaker's," one worker told me. More of Indiana in next column. I'm off now to Pittsburgh, my favorite city east of San Francisco.

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Information set out below was obtained on December 7, 1949 and February 16, 1950 by SA [redacted] from a review of reports of N.Y.C.P.D. Operative #51 maintained by Lieutenant [redacted] 400 Broome Street, New York, N. Y.

At a meeting of Membership Directors and Financial Secretaries of clubs in the Boro Hall Section of the Kings County C.P. held on November 16, 1949 at the home of [redacted] Boro Hall Section Membership Director, announced that all comrades should be re-registered for 1950 immediately. [redacted] stated that exceptions would be made if comrades were unable to pay dues to December, 1949...such comrades were to be re-registered if they displayed a desire to stay with the party irrespective of their arrears of dues.

Numbered forms were to be used for registering comrades, according to [redacted] These forms which were distributed at the meeting included the following titles: Male, Female, Negro, Age, Time in Party, Housewife, Employed, Unemployed, Industry, Occupation, Specific Name of Union, CIO, AFL, IUD, Veteran.

[redacted] SA

CC: 100-97455 [redacted]
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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on March 17, 1950 that at a meeting of executive members of Jay Smith Clubs #1 and #2, Boro Hall Section, Kings County Communist Party, held on February 14, 1950 at the home of [redacted] Kings County Communist Party official, stated that out of 6000 party members in Brooklyn, approximately 1000 were being lost in the 1950 registration. She pointed out that about 1000 were lost in the 1949 registration because they were not contacted.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD - JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1950

GUS HALL reportedly to become General Secretary of CP, USA if and when EUGENE DENNIS is jailed for congressional contempt conviction. Special Press Building Committee and Special Sub Committee to Defeat Mundt Bill established by CP, USA. National Committee Plenum of CP, USA, held in NYC March 20, 21, and 22, 1950, attended by top ranking national, district, and state CP leaders. National CP membership approximately 54,000 during 1949. Exclusive of collections and disbursements of defense funds, income of CP, USA during 1949 was approximately \$311,317.00 and expenditures approximately \$321,313.00. Over-all financial condition of CP, USA said to be precarious. CP Headquarters in NYC guarded by security patrol and Party is tightening its general security measures. Little factionalist activity noted during pertinent period. Mobilization of masses for peace emphasized as Party's most decisive task. CP, USA viewed British elections as showing people's desire for peace. CP, USA reaffirms its aid and support of Progressive Party despite fundamental differences with [redacted] concept of "progressive capitalism". Mundt Bill subjected to mounting acrimonious attack by CP, USA as giant step toward Fascism and war. Repeal of Taft-Hartley Law continues to be demanded by CP, USA. Recent coal miners strike cited by CP, USA as opening new opportunities

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for united labor action. Union of Progressive Veterans, formed in February, 1950, allegedly established at behest of CP, USA. CP, USA critical of anti-Communist top leadership of NAACP but continues efforts to infiltrate this organization. Fight against white chauvinism and for negro rights waged by CP, USA with unabated vigor. "Challenge", semi-monthly LYL newspaper, made first appearance in March, 1950. LYL claims current national membership of 6,200. Struggle for peace stressed in annual International Woman's Day celebrations by CP, USA. Farm Commission center in Minneapolis reported under consideration by CP, USA. Full support given by CP, USA to Hollywood Ten. [redacted] former "Daily Worker" General Manager, now in charge of National Groups work for CP, USA. CP, USA opposed to internationalization of Jerusalem recommended by U.S. but favors Soviet plan for partition. Roman Catholic Church continues to be target for bitter, sustained attack by CP, USA. Much of recent literature issued by CP, USA pertains to defense of Party and individuals. Need and basis for united front stressed by National Education Department, CP, USA.

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MEMBERSHIP

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The latest available membership of the Communist Party, U.S.A., was approximately 54,000 during 1949, according to information made available by Confidential Informant T-61, of known reliability.

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The following sections of this report were prepared by the Special Agents indicated:

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At New York, N. Y.

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the Communist Party, U.S.A., for the quarterly period beginning April 1, 1950, and ending June 30, 1950.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants referred to in the report of SA Russell S. Garner, dated [redacted] at New York City, are identified as follows;

Confidential Informant T-1	[redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted]	b6 b7C b7D
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T-4	Chicago CI CGO 5358, who furnished the information to SA John D. Riordan.	
T-5	ND-419.	
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T-7	ND-516.	
T-8	Chicago CI CGO 5136.	
T-9	Confidential mail box maintained by the New York Office, contents of which were made available to SA John T. Murphy.	
T-10	[redacted] [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Joseph V. Waters and [redacted]	b6 b7C b7D
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- T-21 District Intelligence Office, Third Naval District, New York City.
- T-22 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Edward W. Buckley. b7D
- T-23 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Robert C. Burns.
- T-24 Pretext telephone call by SA George J. Sullivan to [redacted]
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- T-25 Chicago CI CGO 5021.
- T-26 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Frank R. Longo. b7D
- T-27 Detroit CI DE-140.
- T-28 Chicago CI CGO-5425, who furnished the information to SA John D. Riordan.
- T-29 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Edward W. Buckley. b6
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- T-30 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted]
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- T-32 Mail cover maintained on residence of [redacted] New York City.
- T-33 Mail cover maintained on residence of [redacted] Long Island City, New York.

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- T-34 Mail cover maintained on Union Square Optical Service, Inc., 147 4th Avenue, New York City.
- T-35 [REDACTED]
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- T-38 SA [REDACTED] who had occasion on February 24, 1950, to visit the "Daily Worker" business office, 50 East 13th Street, New York City. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- T-39 Reports of Operative #51, Bureau of Special Service and Investigation, New York City Police Department, 400 Broome Street, New York City, which were reviewed by SA John E. Keary.
- T-40 [REDACTED] who furnished the information to SA [REDACTED] b6
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- T-43 Surveillance conducted by unidentified agent of the Cleveland Office as reflected in Cleveland teletype to New York dated March 28, 1950, captioned "Communist Party, U.S.A. Nationality Groups Commission; IS - C."
- T-44 [REDACTED] who furnished the information to SA [REDACTED] (This informant repeated inadvertently.) (Same as T-30.)
- T-45 [REDACTED] who furnished the information to SA Edward W. Buckley. (This informant repeated inadvertently.) (Same as T-29.)

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T-46 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Bruce L. Kreighbaum.

T-47 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Frank J. Smith.

T-48 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted]

T-49 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted]

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T-52 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Victor A. Lemaitre.

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T-54 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted]

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T-56 Chicago CI CGO 5704.

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T-62 Detroit CI DE-257.
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T-64 Cleveland CI CL-902.
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T-67 Pretext telephone call by SA [REDACTED]
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

QUARTERLY PERIOD - JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1950

JOHN LAUTNER, of New York State CP Review Commission, expelled from CP as traitor and enemy agent. ISIDORE BEGUN resumes former post as Bronx County CP Chairman. District #2 membership was 26,512 in February, 1950. Fund drive for \$650,000.00 launched by District #2 in March, 1950. CP Headquarters in NYC guarded by security patrol. General security measures being tightened by Party. Circulation of anonymous letters, containing falsehoods about various CP leaders, denounced by CP. Building and broadening of ALP, as foundation of people's coalition, set as prime objective of District #2. Brook-Mitchell Bill, which was introduced into but did not pass New York State Legislature, aimed at depriving former NYC Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS of right to again run for public office. 1950 legislative program adopted by District #2 includes demands for extension of rent control law; increased aid for low cost housing and education; increased coverage of unemployment insurance; restoration of New York City five cent subway fare; repeal of Taft-Hartley and Feinberg Laws, and defeat of Mundt Bill. Union of New York Veterans, formed in February, 1950, allegedly established at behest of CP. Enactment of National FEPC, anti-Lynch, and anti-poll tax legislation as well as end to anti-negro discrimination and police brutality pressed by District #2. LYL endeavoring to increase its membership in New York

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industrial and working class communities. Committee of Unemployed Youth recently formed in NYC to assure unemployment insurance for young workers. Various reported Communist front women's organizations for peace have made their appearance in NYC. Reduction of milk prices to dairy farmers opposed by CP. Full support to Hollywood Ten given by CP. Libel suit of [redacted] on their alleged CP membership widely publicized in New York press. Deportation of "progressives" hit by foreign nationality groups in NYC. STALIN'S writings featured by Literature Department, District #2, in honor of his 70th birthday. Number of training schools and seminars in preparation or in progress by Education Department, District #2.

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MEMBERSHIP

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(NY File 100-80638) ✓

Confidential Informant T-18, of known reliability, furnished a copy of a letter dated February 3, 1950, from JACK KLING, National Communist Party Membership Director, to WILLIAM NORMAN, New York State Communist Party Secretary, in which KLING discussed the registration and dues situation in District No. 2. Among other things, the letter reflected that at that time the enrolled membership of the New York State Communist Party was 26,512 with a registered membership of 20,282 or 76.5%.

Since nearly 1,200 of the membership are located within the Albany and Buffalo Divisions, Communist Party membership in the New York Division approximates 25,300.

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The following sections of this report were prepared by the Special Agents indicated:

I	ORGANIZATION	SA Russell S. Garner
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III	FUNDS	SA(A) John H. Kleinkauf
IV	SECURITY MEASURES	SA Robert C. Burns
V	UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS	SA Robert C. Burns
VI	CONFIDENTIAL MAILING ADDRESSES	SA Robert C. Burns
VII	FACTIONALISM	SA [REDACTED]
VIII	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	SA [REDACTED]
IX	UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION	SA [REDACTED]
X	COLONIAL MATTERS	SA [REDACTED]
XI	POLITICAL ACTIVITIES	SA Joseph A. Cullen
XII	LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES	SA Donald P. Adams
XIII	DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES	SA Donald P. Adams
XIV	SLOW DOWN IN INDUSTRY	SA John W. Dooley
XV	VETERANS MATTERS	SA [REDACTED]
XVI	NEGRO QUESTION	SA Frank J. Smith
XVII	YOUTH MATTERS	SA Joseph V. Waters
XVIII	WOMEN MATTERS	SA [REDACTED]
XIX	FARMERS MATTERS	SA [REDACTED]
XX	CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	SA George J. Sullivan
XXI	NATIONAL GROUPS COMMISSION	SA James J. McCarthy
XXII	RELIGION	SA [REDACTED]
XXIII	PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS	SA John T. Murphy
XXIV	EDUCATION	SA Victor A. Lemaitre

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NEW YORK

At New York, N. Y.

Will follow and report pertinent activities of District No. 2, Communist Party, U.S.A., for the quarterly period beginning April 1, 1950, and ending June 30, 1950.

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Copies of this report have been designated for the Albany, Buffalo and Newark Offices for informational purposes in view of their contiguity and interest in the activities of District No. 2, Communist Party, U.S.A.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants referred to in the report of SA Russell S. Garner dated April 20, 1950, at New York, New York, are identified as follows:

Confidential Informant T-1 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Edward W. Buckley. b7D

T-2 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA(A) John H. Kleinkauf.

T-3 [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished the information to SA(A) John H. Kleinkauf. He requested that his identity not be disclosed.

T-4 [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished the information to SA(A) John H. Kleinkauf. He requested that his identity not be disclosed. b6 b7C b7D

T-5 [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished the information to SA John H. Kleinkauf and who requested that his identity not be disclosed.

T-6 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted]

T-7 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Leonard T. McGuire.

T-8 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA Richard T. Clancy. b7D

T-9 [redacted]
[redacted] New York City, who furnished the information to SA Joseph V. Waters. b6 b7C

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T-10 ND-301.

T-11 ND-426. This series of symbols has been
through utilized to protect further the identity of
T-20 this informant because of the frequent refer-
ences thereto in all sections of this report.

T-21 Confidential mail box maintained by the New
York Office, contents of which were made
available to SA John T. Murphy.

T-22 [redacted] b6
[redacted] b7C
[redacted] who furnished information to SA b7D
Joseph V. Waters and [redacted]
[redacted]

T-23 District Intelligence Office, Third Naval
District, New York City.

T-24 [redacted]

T-25 [redacted] who furnished information to SA
Frank R. Longo. b7D

T-26 [redacted] who furnished information to SA
Edward W. Buckley.

T-27 [redacted] who furnished information to SA
William S. Tavel.

T-28 ND-419.

T-29 ND-516.

T-30 Pretext telephone call by SA George J.
Sullivan to [redacted] b6
[redacted] b7C
[redacted] New York City.

T-31 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA Edward W. Buckley. b7D

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- T-32 Mail cover maintained on [redacted]
[redacted] New York
City.
- T-33 Mail cover maintained on the [redacted]
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Long Island City, New York. b6
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- T-34 Mail cover maintained on UNION SQUARE
OPTICAL SERVICE, INC., 147 4th Avenue, New
York City.
- T-35 Honorable [redacted]
of San Francisco, California.
- T-36 [redacted] b7D
- T-37 [redacted] b6
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- T-38 SA [redacted] who had occasion on
February 24, 1950, to visit the "Daily Worker"
business office at 50 East 13th Street, New
York City, [redacted]
[redacted]
- T-39 Reports of Operative #51, Bureau of Special
Service and Investigation, New York City
Police Department, 400 Broome Street, New
York City, which were reviewed by SA John
E. Keary.
- T-40 [redacted] who furnished information to
SA Robert C. Burns. b7D
- T-41 [redacted] who furnished information to SA
Frank J. Smith.
- T-42 [redacted] who furnished information to SA
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- T-43 [redacted] who furnished information to SA
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T-44 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA [redacted]

T-45 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA [redacted]

T-46 ND-425.

T-47 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA Victor A. Lemaitre.

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T-48 ND-517.

T-49 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA [redacted]

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T-51 [redacted] Brighton
Travel Agency, 190 Brighton 11th Street,
Brooklyn, who furnished the information to
SA [redacted] and requested that his
identity not be disclosed.

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T-52 [redacted] New
York City, who furnished the information to
SA Joseph M. Fitzgerald and requested that
her identity not be disclosed.

T-53 [redacted] who furnished the information to
SA [redacted]

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T-54 [redacted]

T-55 NYM-186, covering proceedings of the 14th
New York State Communist Party Convention,
Webster Hall, New York City, July 16, 17,
18, 1948, who furnished information to
SA Frederick C. Zinck.

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Pretext telephone call by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Avenue, Bronx, New York, formerly on the
[REDACTED]

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REFERENCES:

Bureau File 100-3-4.

Report of SA Russell S. Garner, New York, 1/19/50.

Reds Admit U.S. Sick Thinned Ranks Here

By the United Press

WASHINGTON, April 26.—American Communists publicly admitted today that their membership is declining and their party organization is badly shaken. Registered party members probably do not exceed 47,000 this year. The admission came in the published report of last month's New York meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A.

Put Loss at 15 P. C.

Communists themselves estimate they are off in membership this year by about 15 per cent from their 1949 strength of 55,000. This decline has been a continuing process since 1945.

Except for a couple of years early in the war, the climate prior to 1945 was reasonably satisfactory for the growth of the Communist party and the placing of some members or sympathizers in government jobs.

But in that year began a series of incidents which by now has aroused many Americans to the menace of a Communist fifth column in the United States.

The Alger Hiss case, the New

York trial of Communist party leaders on charges of conspiring against the United States, the revelation that the FBI has its own agents operating within Communist ranks and the belated effort by the CIO to oust its Communists and fellow travelers were hard blows.

Communism grew fat on the depression of the 1930s. It is estimated that by the end of World War II there were upward of 75,000 enrolled Communists in this country, perhaps as many as 100,000. That does not include the fellow travelers.

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World Telegram & Sun
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INDICATE ONLY 47,000 NOW ON U. S. ROSTER

Washington, April 26 (U.P.)—American Communist Party admitted today that their membership is declining and the party organization is badly shaken.

Registered party members probably do not exceed 47,000 this year.

The admission came in the published report of the last New York meeting of the national committee of the Communist party, U. S. A. That is the party's official title.

Communists themselves estimate they are off in membership this year by about 15 percent from their 1949 strength. This decline has been a continuing process since 1945.

Admit 15 P. C. Drop

Edgar Hoover recently gave to a Congressional committee the latest FBI estimate of Communist membership in the U. S. as 55,000 in 1949.

Now the Communists themselves report a 15 percent drop. That would leave about 47,000 active members.

In its report acknowledging the 15 percent membership slump, the Communist national committee revealed a few things which suggest that the party is vigorously alive and kicking just the same.

For instance, the party raised a bail fund of more than \$1,000,000 in less than 10 days after its leaders were convicted in New York on charges of conspiracy. In two other 1949 fund drives it raised \$1,500,000.

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55,000 Reds and 500,000 Travelers in U.S.—Hoover

For every 3,000 persons in this country, FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover disclosed last night, there's at least one Communist Party member, a trained puppet of "the Red 'Hitler' at Moscow," and 10 fellow travelers or sympathizers ready to help him do the Kremlin's bidding.

Speaking at the Hotel Astor before the New York State Grand Lodge of Masons, which awarded him a medal for distinguished service, Hoover revealed that files show there are 55,000 actual Communists in our midst and 500,000 "hypocrites and moral swindlers" who he termed almost equally dangerous to our internal security.

These groups work on a "mass influence" basis, he warned, by "constantly gnawing away like termites at the very foundations of American society." Then, when caught, he said, "they seek

the protection of the freedoms which they constantly seek to destroy."

Chief dangers of fellow travelers, Hoover asserted, lie in the fact that they represent a source of wealth, financial resources, the creation of valuable contacts and levers of social, economic and political pressures—all recruiting grounds for espionage information and agents.

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New York, New York
May 11, 1950

MEMO:

RE: CP, USA
DIST. #2, NY DIV.
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By attached report dated 4/21/50 [redacted] advised of a meeting of the Bryant Club of the CP, held at the home of [redacted] Bronx, NY ~~✓~~

Main topics of discussion were the fund drive, dues and the publication, "Political Affairs". ~~✓~~

Separate memos have been submitted on all individuals attending this meeting. ~~✓~~

RICHARD T. CLANCY, SA

cc-NY 62-8363 (P. and C.)
NY 100-26603-6445 (Bryant Club)
NY 100-74560 (CP, USA funds)
NY 100-80638 (CP, USA membership) ~~✓~~
NY 100-81675 (CP, USA Pamphlets and Publications)
NY 100-81338 (CP, USA Security Measures)
NY 100-8522 (ALP)

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New York, New York

4/21/50

At the regular meeting of the Bryant Club held at [redacted]
[redacted] on Tuesday night April 18th. the following people were
present: [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] The others of this group are comparatively new people, some whose first name I know, others I don't, because they either come very seldom to meetings or their name is rarely used.

The meeting started at 9:30 and [redacted] read the Agenda, Fund Drive, Dues, literature, report by [redacted] on the breaking up of the Bryant Club, followed by a discussion on this very important function.

[redacted] spoke on the fund drive saying that we had \$1200. in so far and the quota is \$1500., there are a few people who did not fulfill their quota, others were not visited and so the Section is depending on us to reach this goal. X

Every club has reached its quota, we are lagging, she then went on to explain the importance of closing the drive by this Sunday, how there is so much work to do in the club, in the Community and in our concentration area.

These functions cannot be taken care if we do not complete the drive. The Party cannot function, cannot fight the many appeals against our people, EUGENE DENNIS, etc, the Mundt-Ferguson bill is still being pushed in Washington and it takes plenty of money to fight it.

[redacted] spoke on the importance of closing our drive by this Sunday and going on to more important business in the club. He asked if [redacted] would ask those people here tonight, who did not give their entire quota, to comment on the exact time they will turn in their money.

[redacted] who still owes \$30. when she would give here, [redacted] said it was very difficult to say, but would try by next Tuesday. One of the ALP fellows still owed \$20.00 and he was going to give it this Sunday.

[redacted] when he could pay his \$15.00 and [redacted] said it was very difficult to raise the whole sum, but would give \$5.00 this Thursday. The rest of his quota would have to be taken up with the executive.

[redacted] was asked about his, but gave no definite promise because his job was so uncertain.

[redacted] asked if anyone would like to visit people she has the names and

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will give the out after the meeting.

Dues for April were collected by [redacted] is the group captain for the IF group. Practically all members paid their dues.

[redacted] had copies of the May I.L. and urged all to buy a copy, because this month's I.L. carried a complete article on the recent Lenin reports by [redacted] were the highlights of the Lenin. Therefore, we urge all to buy a copy, because in the next few meetings we are going to discuss this Lenin in our meetings.

The final and most important point on the agenda is the question of the breaking up of the Bryant Club.

PAUL said that this breaking up is necessary because of security reasons and also that the C. must get holdier and holdier if we are to win this fight for peace and against fascism.

The forces of reaction are closing in on us and we must fight harder to overcome them.

In this respect we must continue our fight against the Mundt and Ferguson bill, for this is civil right progress, progress with all peoples, and many other problems will come up from day to day.

PAUL made the following proposals, after they were discussed thoroughly at an executive meeting last Monday night. These proposals were only recommended to the club and only after careful discussion by the executive. The Bryant Club is to be broken into two clubs Bryant club 1 and Bryant club 2. Bryant 1 was to be composed of the following people: [redacted] as organizer, VIRGINIA BROWN, welfare director, she was to take care of the names, addresses, etc. of each member, this was the membership director before, [redacted] L. VINSON, financial sec., [redacted] Press director, literature, [redacted] educational [redacted] BILL BROWN. PAUL then read off the names of people in club 1. Club 2 consisted of the following officers: [redacted] as organizer welfare or membership, MAX L. VINE (proposed) [redacted] educational, [redacted] Press, [redacted] Financial Sec., [redacted] [redacted].

Then followed the members who would be in club 2. This set up did not meet with the approval of those present, saying that by splitting up, those in the IF would find it difficult to carry out their IF responsibilities, because they would attend meetings on different nights, etc.

PAUL said that this was only tentative and if the executives of both clubs thought changes were necessary a meeting was going to be held next Monday of the both executives, and changes made if necessary, as to members and officers of both clubs.

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Nevertheless, this breaking up was of the utmost importance because of the risk of having a large club, a smaller club can function better, their membership can be visited and more people activated to do work which was neglected till now.

☐ asked for volunteers for this Saturday and Sunday to go out and canvass our concentration area with workers and literature.

Fund drive money must be in by Sunday.

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New York 7, New York

May 23, 1950

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Director, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
(Bufile 100-3-68)

Dear Sir:

[redacted] who is highly reliable and who is in a position to furnish valuable information concerning the Communist Party, has advised by interview April 18, 1950, that the present membership of the Communist Party totals between 60,000 and 65,000 individuals. Informant stated that he considered this the lowest total membership of the Party in many years. Informant advised that the Party, in his opinion, reached its greatest membership around 1943 and 1944 when EARL BROWDER was heading the same, which amounted to 100,000 to 110,000.

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The informant stated that with regard to membership records it was his belief that such records are not on file at National Headquarters and, as a matter of fact, he is convinced there are no membership lists as such in existence today. The informant stated that the only means of identifying members would be through local club organizers who would know the identity of each member of his club, and that officials higher than the club organizers would only be acquainted with the total number in the various Party divisions.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

cc: Bureau File 100-3-84
NY 100-81338 (Security Meas.)

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New York, New York
May 24, 1950

MEMO:

RE: JPFO (IWO)
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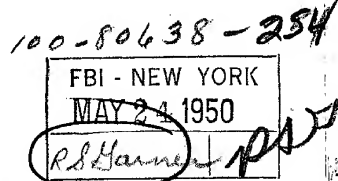
By attached report dated 3/30/50, [redacted] set out various statistics pertaining to the standing and activities of the Bronx County JPFO (IWO), which figures were furnished to informant by [redacted] Secretary of Branch 138, JPFO.

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[redacted] SA

cc-NY 67-2557 (P. and C.)
NY 100-21 (Morning Freiheit)
NY 100-80635 (CP, USA Jewish Activities)
NY 100-80638 (CP, USA-Membership)

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March 30, 1950
New York

BRONX DISTRICT JEWISH PEOPLES FRATERNAL ORDER,
IOW, ACTIVITIES

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I received from [] the following figures showing the standing and activities of the Bronx County of the JPFO, IWO.

The figures, according to [] Secretary of Branch 138, JPFO, were put by the Bronx County Committee JPFO to the secretaries of all JPFO organizations in the Bronx, NY:

The Bronx District, JPFO has a membership (up to and including March 25th, 1950) of 13,205.

There are 28 Jewish speaking branches and 8 English speaking branches with a membership (the English speaking branches) of 4,567. There are 19 schools for children with 950 pupils, one high school (Middle Shule) with 146 students.

The Emma Lagarus Women's Division has 12 clubs with a membership of 575. The Youth Division has 5 clubs with a membership of 320.

There are 6 reading circles, 1 mandolin orchestra and 1 singing chorus. Standing of branches in the new membership drive: (up to and including March 25th):

Branch 3 (JPFO) - 16 new members

6	9
1	9
17	2
19	4
24	11
34	31
49	33
52	10
74	11
102	3
116	9
127	28
132	65
138	15
145	15
147	8
165	12
190	12
198	14
277	26
278	4

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281	11
302	10
307	2
327	2
337	11
356	13
489	31
519	14
521	14
600	30
657	8
746	39
807	17

The Morning reinheit fund drive: (up to and including March 25th)

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Money</u>
3	9600.
6	875.
11	380.
17	160.
19	270.
24	480.
34	824.
49	650.
52	370.
74	450.
102	107.
116	530.
127	995.
132	250.
138	575.
145	210.
147	550.
165	350.
190	300.
198	180.
277	350.
278	265.
279	100.
281	445.
302	460.
307	520.
327	410.
337	225

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Emma Lazarus Division:

Moshulu Club	\$400.00
Club 24	35.00
Club 37	55.00
Club 277	85.00

New York, New York
May 12, 1950

MEMO:

RE: CP, USA * MEMBERSHIP
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[] advised by report dated 4/21/50 that [] was named new Welfare Director of Bryant Club, (the Bryant Club has been divided into Bryant Club 1 and 2), whose job it is to take care of the names, addresses, etc. of each member. This post was formerly called membership director the informant explained orally on 4/25/50. There is no title membership director now. Informant's report concerned all matter discussed at the regular meeting of the Bryant Club held at home of [] Bronx, on 4/18/50. b6 b7C b7D

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New York, 7, New York

June 8, 1950

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MEMORANDUM:

TO: CPUSA
GOVERNMENTAL District #2, New York Division
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By attached report dated March 26, 1950, [redacted] advised of an Executive meeting of the Ozona Park Club of the CP held at 100-04 Jamaica Avenue. X

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The main topics discussed at this meeting were the fund drive. The names of [redacted] were brought up for expulsion from the Party for not contributing to the fund. Other topics discussed were membership, distribution of leaflets, the May Day Parade and the ALP. X

Separate memos have been submitted on all individuals attending this meeting. X

[redacted]
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cc:
62-8445 P & C
100-26605-C-1276 (Ozona Park Club)
✓ 100-80638 CPUSA Membership
100-81675 CPUSA Pamphlets & Publications
100-8522 American Labor Party
100-47142 United May Day Committee
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REPORT

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3/28/50 Executive Meeting of the Ozone Park Club of the Communist Party.
Held at the home of [redacted]

Present:

[redacted] ? Jamaica Section Secretary (Called 'All Exec')
Sent in from Astoria. White

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Fund Drive:

[redacted] said, "We called [redacted] in for a report on how to
raise the rest of the funds for the drive. We have in now \$317.00."

[redacted] said, "We had planned a dance and a dinner. The dinner
was supposed to be at [redacted] house." [redacted] said,
[redacted] told her they just got home from a trip, and will let us
know when she can arrange to have a dinner at her home."

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[redacted] said, "We could use the press list and ask for donations,
that is those who go out on Sunday mornings." [redacted] agreed
to get such a list ready, and bring it in to the next regular meeting
at [redacted] home on Tuesday, April 4th.

Probable Expulsions:

[redacted] said, "We have two cases that we think something ought
to be done about, [redacted] will you tell about the case you
spoke to?"

[redacted] said, "I visited the [redacted] has promised to
contribute to the fund drive every year. But only gave five dollars
once, and that was shamed out of him. I also asked his wife [redacted] to
sit in and talk with us, but she was always running around the house
doing something or other. And also [redacted] is with [redacted] union, and [redacted]
claims to be on the exact of the union, and has too much work to do,
there. But I've heard that he is not handling this work right as a
communist. Everything is hush-hush when you ask him if such and such
an issue has been brought up in his union.

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[redacted] said, (after [redacted] suggested that we call [redacted]
[redacted] in to the next with [redacted] and have [redacted] testify about [redacted] activi-
ties with the union,) "It isn't fair to bring Sam in on this exact
with [redacted] but we should ask Sam on the side about [redacted] before calling
[redacted]

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cont. [] up in front of the exect. The union certainly is our affair, when we are supposed to have a communist active in that union. We can then know what we want to discuss with [] to, and demand funds for the fund drive."

[] agreed with this, said, "These comrades certainly should be called before the exect and made to feel their responsibility as members of the Party."

[] said, "Now for the other case, which is much worse, we have visited two comrades who have been in the Party for fifteen years, and are former members as Section Heads. They have refused to contribute anything at all to the fund drive. We argued with them, and finally [] offered us one dollar, which we felt was an insult and refused. We pointed out that some members are living on \$100.00 a month, and can find something to give in to the fund drive. [] makes \$303.00 a month, after all taxes and what not is deducted from her pay. (Public School teacher - 1A to 2B). [] was shocked when [] said to us, to drop him from our rolls if we don't want to except his offer. I believe we cannot expell anyone from our rolls, unless the Section ok's it, at least that was told to me by the Section at one time."

[] said, "I don't really know, but I think you just write an expulsion letter to the people, and send a copy to the section. That's how you expell people." I certainly think that its no use wasting time on these people. But call them up before the exect meeting first and have it out with them. Then if they do not show up, there is no use wasting time on them."

Group meetings:

[] said, "We have a large area here and well spread out. So we think that [] should be transferred over to the Supphin club. Also [] and two others that live out so far. [] lived within five blocks of the organizer of the Supphin club."

[] said, [] is active in our club, he is a group captain, and goes out with the press or willing to. I've been talking to his [] to get him to attend our meetings, but so far it hasn't worked."

[] was finance director of the Richmond Hill club before the club united into Ozone Park club; and the reason [] is resentful of attending our meetings, is that he wanted to be finance director in place of [] is far more active than [] has a government job, and will only attend meetings. Has never done any other work for Ozone Park Club. [] knows he was a better finance director turned over to Rose some \$60.00 from the Richmond Hill club funds. [] has never been able to build up these funds in the Ozone club treasury.)

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[] said, "We also have one comrade that lives in Kew Gardens who never come out to a meeting. We should transfer her out also. [] you should take care of this right away." [] seems afraid that [] and others are better organizers than himself, but likes to think he knows it all, and no one else knows anything. Afraid someone will prove themselves better than himself and take the organizers or Presidents job away from him.) [] so gave the impression to [] that this is really an intelligent club and one that is active for her benefit tonight.) [] will discuss this with the Section.

Section staff:

[] said, "It has been suggested that [] be the Section Membership Director. I think we should fight against this. There are too many being taken out of Ozone Park club for the Section. The Section should be called down on this. Can't they find anyone from other clubs? I also am against [] being taken out for Section Literature Director, but I don't know how [] feels about it. [] has a lot of troubles at home, in fact [] said that [] came here crying the other day, because her mother has invited [] to do away with herself and the baby. Isn't that right []

[] said, "Yes, [] came up in a terrible condition, and complained that her mother just about asked [] to do away with herself and the baby. But [] is interested in being the Section Literature director [] had previously told [] wants this office with the Section.) The problem is finding an apartment for []. Even then [] will have trouble in not having anyone to care for the baby, to be really active. [] to speak to Bea about it, however.

Press:

[] said, "I don't think we should go out in a new concentration area for the next two Sundays, being Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The people in the area might resent it and it will do more harm than good.

[] said, "It wouldn't hurt to go out with the leaflet that [] planned. Write up a Happy Easter leaflet for it." [] said that was an idea, we could tie in Easter with Peace. [] said, Can you go ahead and get the leaflet written up and bring it to the next meeting before running it?" Agreed upon, with the help of [] and []

Section staff:

[] said, "We of the Section staff discussed about so many being taken from this club for Section jobs also. And we thought that we would ask

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[] first if she wanted it? [] said, "She didn't think it was right that a negro should be given the job, and didn't think she herself was politically developed enough. (The impression was that she wanted to be coaxed a little.) [] said, as I said we discussed this, and we have a negro picked for the job, but decided to ask you first. [] looked at his [] and said, "Oh well, there has been a lot of talk about making this a Section by itself, and take in from City Line to the Parkway and from Woodhaven to Jamaica. It is a large area as you can see [] then said, "I don't think that we should consider [] for Section Literature director, because she has so much trouble at home, now. I'm against it."

May Day:

[] said, "May Day is coming up and I think we should have a big educational program on May Day. But who can give such an educational? [] said, [] once gave a beautiful educational on May day why not ask him to give it again?"

[] broke in saying "Wait a moment, you sent me as a delegate for last Saturday, to the May Day conference. We have plenty of material on May Day. Besides, it cost me one dollar which you didn't mention was to be the delegates fee." [] said, [] make out a slip and give [] back the dollar. [] can you prepare an education on May Day for the next meeting? Agreed.

Mass Org. Work:

[] said, "The hour is late, but I wanted to talk on mass org work. We should especially build up the ALP. The ALP is the most important to build up in this area now. But all should belong to some massorg and work from within that and report back once a month. We need volunteers for the ALP it must be done. It is a case of my giving up the President of the club and work in ALP to build it up alone otherwise. I've got to have volunteers for building up ALP. I just can't do both organizer and chairman of ALP too. Neither job is done well that way." [] has been using this as an excuse for non-activity for a long time now. Even when [] was speaking from a sound truck, and [] supposed to be head of ALP then; [] was missed and couldn't be found at the street meeting. He later gave the excuse that a neighbor was with him and he couldn't show that he was an ALP'er. Also [] has refused to go out as an open communist on selling the press on Sunday mornings. He said he would even say he'd volunteer at our regular meetings, but would not show up.)

[] said, "I don't know the people very well yet, but if we can't get enough volunteers we will have to double up with the people we have."

Meeting ended approx. 11:00 p.m.

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Leaflet "Mundt Ferguson Nixon versus America's Freedom"
Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts
14 Beacon Street, Boston 8.

"Call to a United Labor and Peoples conference
for May Day 1950"

Provisional United Labor and People's
Committee for May Day" - 27 Union Square W.
N.Y.3 - AL 4-7000

Also brought in the political Affairs. Ten copies, 25¢ each.

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U. S. Reds Go Underground To Foil F. B. I., Hoover Says

540,000 Communists and Followers Seek
Our Atomic, Military, Industrial Secrets,
He Tells Closed Senate Unit Session

By The United Press.

WASHINGTON, June 8—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, warned Senators two months ago that unprecedented numbers of Communists were seeking United States atomic, military and industrial secrets.

Mr. Hoover's hitherto secret testimony last April 3 before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee was disclosed today.

It was revealed that he had asked for more agents to ferret out a "potential 'fifth column' of 540,000 people" including 54,000 known Reds and nearly 500,000 sympathizers who, he said, were more active now than Nazi and Fascist operatives ever had been during World War II.

He said the Communists have gone underground, use "double talk," and have instituted their own "loyalty" purge to make the F. B. I.'s check on them more difficult. They are even checking their thirteen-member Central Committee, he added, and have set up no fewer than forty-nine

"loyalty" boards of their own. He said that in addition to secret codes and destruction of membership records, the spy leaders have set up "investigating committees" in every state—as well as a special three-man subcommittee to keep tabs on the party's executive committee.

Some spies, he said, hide behind "diplomatic passports." In some instances they "may very well be employed as a clerk or in some minor capacity in a foreign establishment" but actually give orders to higher-ups, he testified.

He said the F. B. I. must expand its work to "preserve our internal security" in event of emergencies. Mr. Hoover testified that Soviet sympathizers were after information on atomic research, radar, jet propulsion, coastal maps, military airports, biological warfare and industrial resources.

Mr. Hoover said the job of dealing with native-born Communists and sympathizers was much more difficult than the wartime job of

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curbing Nazi agents, because the espionage laws were intended mainly to deal with aliens.

"There is less likelihood for a native-born citizen to attract suspicion than there is for an alien, because he blends into the very background which he would destroy," he explained.

Mr. Hoover, who said the Reds also were stirring up civil rights agitation in the South, lashed out at the National Lawyers Guild which, he said, had allowed itself to be used as a sounding board for Communist actions. He accused the Guild of having tried to oust him from his job since 1940.

Mr. Hoover appeared before the subcommittee to request increased appropriations for a larger F. B. I. administrative and investigative staff. He said part of the money was needed to handle "internal security" cases.

"Orbit" of Red Control Spreads

The "orbit of Communist control," he explained, has increased from one-seventh of the world's population in 1917 to one-third of the world's population today.

"The intensification of communism and underground activity in the United States has increased proportionately," he said. "If we are to preserve our internal security in times of emergency, it is incumbent that the identities of those who work against the peace and security of America be established."

Mr. Hoover said the Communists had launched an all-out drive to infiltrate heavy industry and communications. A partial breakdown of its 54,174 members reflects the party's concentration on heavy centers of population, he said.

He added that New York State has 25,000 Communists; California 6,977; Illinois 3,361; Pennsylvania 2,876; Ohio 2,834; Michigan 1,250; Massachusetts 1,022; Nevada 23; Wyoming 10; Tennessee 27; Alabama 14 and New Hampshire 43.

Even though there are only 54,174 members of the party, the

fact remains that the party leaders themselves boast that for every party member there are ten others who follow the party line and who are ready, willing and able to do the party's work," he said.

"In other words, there is a potential fifth column of 540,000 people dedicated to this philosophy."

The recent conviction of the eleven Communist leaders in New York has driven the party into concentrated underground activity, Mr. Hoover said, and no party cards were issued in 1949 or 1950. Maintenance of membership records also has been discontinued, he testified.

"To counteract the F. B. I.'s penetration of the Communist party its leaders have established a far-reaching and vigorous loyalty program of its own, calling for the establishment of investigating committees in each state and a thorough investigation of each member of the party as to personal history, activities, associations, contacts and length of membership," he said.

He said the F. B. I. had "good sources of information" and "good representation in the party in varying positions of trust," but that it was more difficult to penetrate the party today than formerly.

"Those in the party exercise greater caution and investigation of party leaders requires more ingenuity," he explained. "Public meetings are maintained at an absolute minimum," he said, and a courier system has been established to protect confidential communications.

"Surplus Secreted for Future"

"Secret printing facilities and supplies have been secreted for future underground operations, and transfers of party members from one district to another are now controlled through the use of an elaborate identification system," Mr. Hoover testified.

As proof of F. B. I. efficiency, Mr. Hoover noted that seven of its confidential party informants had been revealed during the trial of the top party leaders and said "we had more available if they were necessary."

Forty-eight per cent of the party membership, he continued, is in "the basic industry of this country, as in this manner they would

be able to sabotage essential industry in vital defense areas in the event of a national emergency."

Mr. Hoover said the Communists recently had stepped up their activities in the steel, heavy machinery, mining, communications, transportation, electrical and maritime industries.

But he said the "most amazing" thing to him was the way they have been able to infiltrate the legal profession—an apparent reference to the Lawyers Guild.

"It is regrettable," Mr. Hoover said, "that any association of lawyers will permit itself to be used and parrot the Communist party line."

He said the Communists also had made "special efforts" to penetrate the communications field. To this end, he said, they established special courses in radio writing, acting and directing.

"One front group boasts of having thousands of monitors in every section of the country who will take up a letter writing campaign against any commentator who disagrees with what they advocate," he said.

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Description of exhibit:

Copy of letter dated 2/3/50 from JACK KLING, Nat'l. CP membership Director, to WM. NORMAN, NY State CP Sec., re registration and dues situation in Dist. #2. Enrolled membership of NY State CP given as 26,512 with registered membership of 20,282 on 76.5%.



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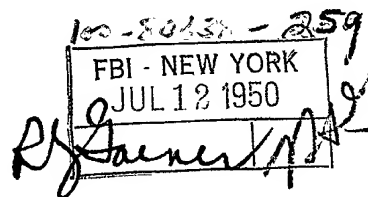
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May 26, 1950

MEMORANDUM TO ALL DISTRICTS

Re: DUES CONTROL

Enlist Every Communist in the Fight for Peace !

Dear Comrades:

The National Committee at its recent Plenum, and in meetings with the district leaderships since then, has given major emphasis to the need of developing a fighting crusade for peace - a crusade which will penetrate every nook and corner of the nation, every shop and industry, every working class community, every people's organization. This crusade for peace must aim to reach the millions of American working people, Negro and white, young and old, men and women; to arouse them into action in support of the Stockholm Appeal to ban the atom bomb; to organize hundreds and thousands of peace committees which will carry on consistent day to day activity against the adventurist imperialist drive of Wall Street to unleash a Third World War.

Already, thousands of Communists, hundreds of clubs, are engaged in the most varied types of activities in the struggle for peace. But it must be noted that as yet not every member, not every club, has been enlisted in this crusade. We cannot be satisfied until every single Communist is at his post, until every single Communist recognizes his responsibility in helping to reach out to, and organize hundreds of non-Communists in this struggle. Only the maximum mobilization of our membership, and through them every partisan of peace, can guarantee the development of the type of peace movement the present critical moment demands. This task cannot be fulfilled with a section of our membership; the entire membership must be involved.

With this objective in mind, and as an indispensable part of the work that is mapped out for all of us in the months ahead, it is necessary to take immediate steps to bring into activity those members who are not coming to meetings, who are not paying dues. The low dues payments existing in most districts of the country is evidence of the unsatisfactory degree of contact with our membership and the still unsatisfactory level of political mobilization for the fight for peace. The dues situation indicates the need for an all out fight by the entire leadership on all levels to help overcome this situation and bring about the speedy integration and involvement of all Communists in the peace crusade.

For this reason we are proposing that all districts immediately plan to carry through a dues control during the months of June and July. While the aim of this control is to bring every single member in arrears into good standing, the primary aim is to involve the members in the activity for peace. To guarantee that this control will not be initiated and carried through in a routine formal manner we want to urge for your consideration the following tasks:

1. The dues control shall be launched at meetings of activists which discuss the tasks in the peace crusade and equip our members with the necessary ideological clarity to fulfill their responsibilities. Every activist shall be enlisted to bring back into activity at least five non-attending and non-dues paying members.

2. Each state committee shall address a letter to the clubs and to each member outlining the tasks in the crusade for peace, and calling upon the members to come to meetings, to take an active part in the campaign.

3. Club executive committees shall be urged to meet at the earliest possible date in June with the aim of reviewing the entire membership, determining the causes for non-attendance and non-dues payments, and organizing themselves into a brigade to guarantee that every such member is reached in a period of a week.

3. Every single member not attending club meetings or paying dues shall be visited to discuss with them the present world situation, the increased danger of war, and the tasks that fall upon the shoulders of Communists. The leaders of the clubs shall discuss with these members their dues payments, attendance at club meetings, and how they can help in the peace campaign.

4. Every district and section leader shall be given responsibility to supervise the carrying through of the dues control on a week-to-week basis, with the aim of showing definite progress in the integration of the membership throughout the period of the control.

We want to ask that this letter be discussed in your District Board, and that you transmit to us the plan you have worked out to carry through the control.

Comradely yours,

Mike Russo

Ass't Organization Secretary

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Description of exhibit:

A carbon copy of a letter 2/28/50, addressed to [redacted] for BILL NORMAN, closing "Comradely, JACK KLING", relative to dues status for NY State.

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Description of exhibit:

A circular letter dated 2/17/50 addressed to all District Org. Secretaries and closed "Comradely, HENRY WINSTON, relative to the collection of dues payments that are in arrear.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Re: Membership

QUARTERLY PERIOD - APRIL 1st THROUGH JUNE 30th, 1950

GUS HALL named National Secretary of CP, USA and Secretariat of three appointed by National Committee, CP, USA in late April, 1950 to assure continuity of leadership during EUGENE DENNIS' imprisonment and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's absence because of illness. Numerous other personnel and organizational changes made about same time. Fifteenth National Convention, CP, USA scheduled for December 14-17, 1950. National CP membership now approximately 46,000. Overall decrease noted in CP's industrial concentration program. Total of \$120,200 of \$175,000 fund drive goal collected as of 5/3/50, with drive extended to 6/15/50. CP, USA admits being **hard pressed** for funds as consequence of tremendous cost of trial. Strengthening of vigilance against Party's enemies reiterated by CP, USA. Existence and utilization of secret apparatus communications system by CP, USA reported. Considerable distrust and factionalism because of present leadership said to exist in CP, USA. Full support given by CP, USA to World Peace Movement and to securing five million signatures to Stockholm Pledge. CP, USA vigorously protests General MacArthur's ban on Japanese CP. CP, USA claims JOHN FOSTER DULLES was "trigger man" of South Korean "invasion" of North Korea as part of Wall Street's scheme for American imperialist domination

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of Far East. CP, USA hopes to elect bloc of pro-peace, pro-labor candidates, strengthen Progressive Party and build coalition movement in order to advance independent political action. Democrat-Republican-Liberal coalition in NYC running candidate in effort to defeat Congressman Vito Marcantonio in fall election. Campaign continues to be waged by CP, USA to defeat Mundt Bill, enact FEPC, repeal Taft-Hartley Law, and free EUGENE DENNIS. New third federation of labor not being considered at present, but CP, USA re-emphasizes establishment of united front action from below in defense of workers' economic and political interests and in repudiation of pro-imperialist policies of top CIO and AFL officials. Communist veterans seeking to raise \$50,000 for DENNIS' freedom. Intensified struggle continues by CP, USA against white chauvinism and for negro rights. CP youth and women's front groups active mobilizing their forces to collect signatures in support of 'World Peace Appeal'. Widespread CP support given to defense of Congressional contempt convictions of Hollywood Ten and Executive Board of JAFRC. Party work in Jewish field severely criticized by National Committee, CP, USA for deviation from established Party line, inadequate mass work and lack of unity among leading Jewish comrades. Religious leaders being organized in support of peace movement. Library at National CP Headquarters planned. Struggle for peace stressed by CP, USA in its educational work.

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MEMBERSHIP

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1950 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPROXIMATELY 46,000

At the National Committee plenum held at National CP Headquarters in New York City on March 20-22, 1950, HENRY WINSTON, National CP Organizational Secretary, delivered a report on organization and Party-building as reflected in "Political Affairs" for May 1950, Pages 59-82.

In his report WINSTON mentioned that to date 83% of the Party's 1949 membership had been registered, but he added that this registration doubtless would be increased to 85%, thus meaning a 15% fluctuation for 1950.

WINSTON stated that this 1950 fluctuation was lower than those of 1949 and 1948. He explained that this reduced fluctuation took place on the basis of a sharp downward curve in recruiting during 1949, thus accounting in part for a reduction in the total membership of the Party.

Since Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, has previously reported that the 1949 national membership totaled 54,000 and allowing for a reduction of 15% in membership, thus it would appear that the 1950 membership is approximately 46,000, as of March, 1950.

According to the article, in his report WINSTON blamed this decrease in membership upon the unprecedented drive and ceaseless attacks "unleashed by reaction" through the trial of the eleven Communist leaders; Grand Jury indictments of State and County leaders in Los Angeles, Houston, Dallas, and Denver; deportation proceedings against Communists and other progressives; the contempt citation of EUGENE DENNIS; Government loyalty oaths, etc.

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OVER-ALL DECREASE NOTED IN PARTY'S INDUSTRIAL CONCENTRATION PROGRAM

In the aforementioned report given by HENRY WINSTON at the National Committee plenum in March 1950, contained in "Political Affairs" for May 1950, Pages 59-82, he cited January 1950 registration results for the Party in some concentration districts in comparison with January 1949 figures. These were:

Ohio	-- 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ % decrease in rubber workers.
Western Pennsylvania	-- 29% drop in steel workers with 7% drop in coal miners.
Illinois	-- Packing house workers 6.3% off; increase of 58% in railroad workers.
Michigan	-- 5% increase in automobile workers.
California	-- 5% increase in radio and electrical workers; 41.2% increase in teamsters; 71% increase in automobile workers.
New York	-- 46.4% increase in railroad workers; 19% increase in longshore workers; 15.4% increase in electrical workers; 27.1% decrease in marine workers; 17.7% decrease in transport workers.

WINSTON, in his report, according to the article, admitted that the weakness in Party work in clubs was associated with a weakness in unfolding the Party's policy of industrial concentration. He cited the policy formulated at the National Convention in 1948 but observed that this policy was watered down in practice during 1948 and 1949.

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The article said that WINSTON emphasized that this condition must be rectified during the remainder of 1950 since the building and strengthening of the Party among basic workers was indispensable to helping the working class successfully meet monopoly reaction's drive toward Fascism and war.

DUES CONTROL DURING JUNE AND JULY PLANNED TO AID PEACE FIGHT

Confidential Informant T-22, of known reliability, made available a memorandum dated May 26, 1950, from MICHAEL RUSSO, Assistant National CP Organizational Secretary, to all districts, relative to dues control.

The memorandum stated that the National Committee, at its plenum in March 1950, and in meetings with the district leaderships since then, had given major emphasis to the need of developing a fighting crusade for peace, but that it had been noted that in the struggle for peace as yet not every member, not every club, had been enlisted in the crusade. The memorandum indicated that the Party could not be satisfied until every single Communist was at his post and recognized his responsibility in helping to reach out to and organize hundreds of non-Communists in this struggle. Only the maximum mobilization of the membership, the statement said, and through them every partisan of peace, could guaranty the development of the type of peace movement the present critical moment demanded.

The memorandum pointed out that with this objective in mind it was necessary to take immediate steps to bring into activity those members who were not coming to meetings, who were not paying dues. The low dues payments existing in most districts of the country, the memorandum said, were evidence of the unsatisfactory degree of contact with the membership and the still unsatisfactory level of political mobilization for the fight for peace.

For this reason, the memorandum continued, it was proposed that all districts immediately plan to carry through a dues control during the months of June and July with the aim of bringing every single member in arrears into good standing, the principal aim being to involve the members in the activity for peace.

ADDITIONAL INDICATION THAT NO MEMBERSHIP RECORDS EXIST TODAY

Confidential Informant T-20, of known reliability, stated that, with regard to membership records, it was his belief that no such records were on file at National CP Headquarters and, as a matter of fact,

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he was convinced that there were no membership lists as such in existence today. The informant stated that the only means of identifying members would be through local club Organizers who would know the identity of each member of his club, and that officials higher than club Organizers would be acquainted only with the total number in the various Party districts.

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T-1 -- Bureau letter to New York dated January 6, 1950, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP; INTERNAL SECURITY - C", transmitting compilation of membership throughout the United States as received from all field offices.

T-2 -- ND-516.

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T-3 -- [] who furnished the information to Special Agent EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-4 -- [] who furnished the information to Special Agent (A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.

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T-5 -- [] who furnished the information to Special Agent []

T-6 -- [] who furnished the information to Special Agent (A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.

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T-7 -- []
[] New York City,
who furnished the information to Special Agent (A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF and who requested that his identity be kept confidential.

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T-8 -- Confidential mail box maintained by the New York Office, the contents of which were made available to Special Agent JOHN T. MURPHY.

T-9 -- [] who furnished the information to Special Agent FRANK J. SMITH.

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T-10 -- []

T-11 -- Detroit Confidential Informant DE-140.

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T-13 -- [] who furnished the information to Special Agent []

T-14 -- ND-425.

T-15 -- G-2, First Army Area, Governors Island, New York.

T-16 -- [] who furnished the information to Special Agent []

T-17 -- District Intelligence Office,
Third Naval District, New York City,

T-18 -- [] who furnished the information to Special Agent [] b6
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(C) T-19 -- [] b1

T-20 -- []

T-21 through T-30 -- ND-426. This series of symbols has been utilized to protect further the identity of this informant because of the frequent references thereto in all sections of this report. b7D

T-31 -- [] who furnished the information to Special Agent [] b6
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T-32 -- []

T-33 -- []

T-34 -- [] who furnished the information to Special Agent EDWARD W. BUCKLEY. b7D

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- T-35 -- [redacted] b7D
- T-36 -- [redacted]
who furnished the information to Special Agent CHARLES W. GRUBB.
- T-37 -- [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois,
who furnished the information to Special Agent JOSEPH P. KILLGORE. b6
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- T-38 -- [redacted] who furnished the information to b7D
Special Agent VICTOR A. LEMAITRE.
- T-39 -- [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished the information
to Special Agent [redacted] and who re- b6
quested that his identity be kept confidential. b7C
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- T-40 -- An anonymous source.
- T-41 -- [redacted], who furnished the
information to Special Agent [redacted]
- T-42 -- Information from an unspecified source, con-
tained in Seattle letter to Los Angeles dated
February 9, 1950, captioned "LEFT-WING COMMUNIST
CLUB; INTERNAL SECURITY - C".
- T-43 -- Surveillances by Special Agents R. L. ERICKSON,
J. R. WALTERS, P. M. BROOKS, G. A. PERKINS,
R. L. HAMILTON, and [redacted] of the b6
San Francisco Office. b7C
- T-44 -- [redacted] who furnished the information to
Special Agent FRANK R. LONGO. b7D
- T-45 -- [redacted] who furnished the information to
Special Agent VICTOR A. LEMAITRE.

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- T-46 --- [] who furnished the information to
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- T-47 --- []
- T-48 --- []
[] New York City,
who requested that his identity be kept confidential. b6
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b7D
- T-49 --- ND-301. b7D
- T-50 --- [] who furnished the information to
Special Agent EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.
- T-51 --- Cleveland Confidential Informant CL-901.
- T-52 --- Cleveland Confidential Informant CL-902.
- T-53 --- San Francisco Confidential Informant SF-1425.
- T-54 --- []
[] Bronx, New York,
who furnished the information to Special Agent
[] and who requested that his
identity be kept confidential. b6
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- T-55 --- []
New York City, who furnished the information to
Special Agent []
- T-56 --- NYM-187, who furnished the information to
Special Agent [] in connection with
the 14th National Convention, CP, USA, held at the
Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York City, August 2-6,
1948, as set forth in the report of Special Agent
RUSSELL S. GARNER dated September 22, 1948, at
New York City in the case captioned "COMMUNIST
PARTY, USA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C". b6
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REFERENCE:

Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, 4/19/50.

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TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA DISTRICT #2, NEW YORK DIVISION			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C) b6 b7C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Re: Membership

Classified per OGA letter dated 5/1/2012

QUARTERLY PERIOD - APRIL 1st THROUGH JUNE 30th, 1950

NORMAN SCHRANK and [redacted] named Assistant Organizational Secretary and Treasurer respectively of District #2. Membership of District #2 last reported to be 26,512. \$650,000 set as goal by District #2 in 1950 fund drive. Strengthening of vigilance against Party's enemies reiterated by CP. Existence and utilization of secret apparatus communications system by CP reported. Little outward manifestation of factionalism noted in District #2. Democrat-Republican-Liberal coalition in New York City to run candidate in all-out attempt to defeat Congressman Vito Marcantonio in fall election. Mundt Bill and Feinberg Law continue to be condemned by District #2. CP support given to New York public school teachers suspended on charges of being Communists. Need for organizing peace sentiment within labor's ranks emphasized by CP. Fewer veterans in uniform observed marching in NYC May Day parade this year compared with 1949. Communist strength in Harlem reported to be waning somewhat. CP youth and women's front groups actively mobilizing their forces to collect signatures in support of World Peace Appeal. Activities of cultural and nationality front groups set forth. Attitude of neglect and under-estimation of mass agitation and propaganda cited by CP at recent conference. Peace movement accented in educational work by District #2.

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CP, USA
DISTRICT #2
New York Division
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NY File 100-26603
Period: April 1 to June 30, 1950

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)
(NY File 100-80638)

As indicated in referenced report, according to Confidential Informant T-25, of known reliability, as of February 3, 1950, the enrolled membership of the New York State Communist Party was 26,512.

Since nearly 1,200 of the membership are located within the Albany and Buffalo Divisions, Communist Party membership in the New York Division is approximately 25,300.

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- T-9 --- ND-301.

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- T-33 --- [redacted] b6
[redacted] New York City, b7C
who furnished the information to Special Agent (A)
JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.
- T-34 --- [redacted] who furnished the information to
Special Agent JOHN E. KEARY.
- T-35 --- ND-419.
- T-36 --- ND-520. b7D
- T-37 --- [redacted] who furnished the information to
Special Agent EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.
- T-38 --- Confidential mail box maintained by the New York
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to Special Agent JOHN T. MURPHY.
- T-39 --- [redacted]
- T-40 --- [redacted] b6
[redacted] who furnished the information b7C
to Special Agent [redacted] and who re- b7D
quested that his identity be kept confidential.
- T-41 --- [redacted]
Shanks Village, Orangeburg, New York,
who furnished the information by letter to
the New York Office. b6
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- T-42 --- [redacted]
[redacted] New York City,
who furnished the information to
Special Agent JOSEPH V. WATERS.
- T-43 --- An anonymous source.

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T-50 -- [] New York City,
who furnished the information to former Special
Agent GEORGE J. SULLIVAN. b6
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T-51 -- ND-515. b7D

T-52 -- []

REFERENCE:

Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, 4/20/50.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York 7, New York

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July 14, 1950

MEMO:

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT #2
NEW YORK CO. CP;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 4/7/50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the holographic initials of Special Agent and SE S. W. Jennings, who can testify to legally admissible character of the exhibit.

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Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see exhibit # 14 5960 in file # 100-2603-042.

Description of exhibit:

A one page typewritten list, dated March 23 showing the membership of the industrial sections of the N.Y. Co. CP for Jan., Feb., and March, 1950.

cc: 100-89590 (CP USA - Slowdown in Industry)
100-80638 (CP USA - Membership)



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EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

New York 7, New York

June 19, 1950

MEMO:

RE:

The attached clipping is from page _____ of the book
"Men Without Faces" by LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ.

HPL:LJR

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC NEW YORK, N.Y.

Another item which came up regularly at National Committee meetings was the matter of dues. When I first joined, party members paid 10 cents dues weekly if earning weekly wages of \$15 or

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less. This was also the rate for housewives. Members earning over \$15 and up to \$25 paid dues of 25 cents a week. The rates continued to rise as the weekly income increased, until members receiving over \$40 and up to \$50 paid dues of \$1 a week. Those getting more than \$50 a week had a special tax of 50 cents for each \$5 above the \$50 earnings.

In the years that followed, the rate fluctuated; sometimes it was 1 per cent of the member's total wage and sometimes it was a flat rate. These constant changes made it as difficult to follow the financing of the party as it was to keep track of the names and locations of its various divisions.

When Miss Elizabeth Bentley in testimony at Washington in 1948 was vague about what dues had been collected for party purposes at a certain time, some people were inclined to raise their eyebrows at her lack of information. Thereby they revealed their own unfamiliarity with Communist practices.

New York 7, New York

June 19, 1950

MEMO:

RE: *CP, USA -
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HPL:LJR

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC NEW YORK, N.Y.

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In January of each year, the branches are given an added duty, the registration of the membership. The old party cards are then collected and new ones given out. A checkup of dues is made at the same time. Registration is something more than a routine affair; since this is the Communist party, it has its wider political aspects. It is made an occasion for reclaiming those who have slipped by the wayside; it also places upon the shoulders of the most active branch members the duties of visiting the other comrades in their homes and discussing their attitude toward the party. It thus has what is called a "control" feature, too—that is, a means of learning something more about the degree of loyalty of the individual party members.

"Control" data can be used in a number of ways. It may furnish a clue to a comrade who is turning sour politically, and supply a means of straightening him out. It may, in particular, lead to a comrade's promotion on selection as a student for a secret training school. If the control material jibes with the way in which a comrade conducts himself in the branch, he is sure to receive encouragement to rise higher in the official party family. Although the branch leader absorbs much of the meeting time in explaining the line and molding the comrades, some discussion is permitted the rank and file. The chief reason for this, particularly for having them report on their assignments, is to give the leader a chance to observe them and to note what Marxist readings they refer to, and thus to form some judgment of them as possible party functionaries.

August 14, 1950

MEMORANDUM;

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.
SECURITY MEASURES
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

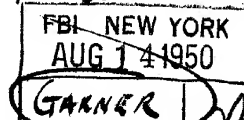
The attached is a copy of a teletype sent to the Bureau on August 12, 1950. It is being designated for the files indicated for information purposes.

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cc: 62- 8383 (PAC)
62- 8400 (PAC)
100-80638 (Membership and Recruiting) ✓
100- 96985 (Underground Operations)



New York 7, New York

August 14, 1950

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
AUGUST 12, 1950

BUREAU (URGENT)

CP, USA- FUNDS: INTERNAL SECURITY -C, CI [] ADVISED THAT
BRYANT CLUB ORGANIZER, [] VISITED HIS HOME LAST EVENING FOR THE
EXPRESS PURPOSE OF IMPRESSING HIM WITH THE URGENCY AND IMEDIACY OF THE
CURRENT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR CP, USA, FUND DRIVE. [] STATED THAT
SEVENTY PER CENT OF THIS AMOUNT MUST BE COLLECTED BY MONDAY NIGHT, AUGUST
FOURTEEN. SHE SAID THAT THE QUOTA FOR BRYANT CLUBS ONE AND TWO, BRONX COUNTY
CP, IS EIGHTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS. [] ADVISED INFORMANT THAT THIS MONEY WAS
NEEDED TO ASSIST IN THE DEFENSE OF THE ELEVEN CP LEADERS AND TO FINANCE OTHER
IMMINENT PARTY EXPENSES. SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE HARLEM EDITION OF THE DAILY
WORKER AND OTHER EDITIONS NOT NAMED WERE BEING SUSPENDED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS.
SHE FURTHER STATED THAT ALL CLUB MEMBERS EVEN THOSE ON VACATION MUST BE
CONTACTED FOR THIS FUND DRIVE EVEN BY REGISTERED MAIL IF NECESSARY. SHE
REQUESTED INFORMANT TO CONTACT ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH THIS
FUND DRIVE. SHE WROTE THE NAME OF THIS OTHER INDIVIDUAL ON A VERY SMALL SLIP
OF PAPER, STATING TO [] THAT IT WOULD BE THE PRACTICE IN THE
FUTURE IF NAMES HAD TO BE WRITTEN THAT THEY WOULD BE WRITTEN ON SUCH SMALL
SLIPS OF PAPER SO THAT THE COMRADE COULD SWALLOW THEM IF NECESSARY, AS WAS
DONE IN HITLER GERMANY, TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF OTHER COMRADES. INFORMANT
ADVISED THAT [] HAD ON MANY PRIOR OCCASIONS STATED THAT THE PARTY
GENERALLY FROWNED ON THE USE OF TELEPHONES FOR TRANSACTING CP BUSINESS, BUT ON
THIS OCCASION [] WAS MOST EMPHATIC AND STATED POSITIVELY THAT THERE WOULD

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BE NO FURTHER USE OF TELEPHONES, AND THAT ALL CONTACT WITH THE MEMBERSHIP MUST BE IN PERSON. [] STATED TO [] THAT THE ONLY RECORDS NOW BEING KEPT OF THE MEMBERSHIP WERE BEING KEPT BY THE FINANCIAL DIRECTOR OF THE CLUB AND THE SECTION, AND THAT THESE WERE BEING MAINTAINED BY NUMBER, THAT IS EACH COMRADE BEING ASSIGNED A DESIGNATING NUMBER. [] ALSO STATED THAT THE PARTY WAS CONSIDERING DROPPING THE OLDER AND INACTIVE MEMBERS. [] [] ALSO ADVISED THAT HE HAD A VISIT LAST EVENING FROM [] [] MASPETH CLUB FUNCTIONARY, QUEENS COUNTY CP, URGING UPON HIM THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CURRENT FUND DRIVE. [] SAID THE QUOTA FOR THE MASPETH CLUB WAS SET AT FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS, AND THAT THE ENTIRE DRIVE MUST BE COMPLETED IN TWO WEEKS. [] STATED TO [] THAT QUOTE EVENTS ARE MOVING RAPIDLY UNQUOTE, AND THAT THE PARTY NEEDS TO GET THE MONEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT MAYBE FORCED UNDERGROUND AT ANY TIME. [] LIKEWISE REEMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT CONDUCTING ANY FURTHER PARTY BUSINESS BY TELEPHONE. IN VIEW OF THE PRESSURE BEING PUT ON ALL BY INFORMANTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CURRENT FUND DRIVE BY AUGUST FOURTEEN DASH SIXTEEN, THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO SUPTEL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE NEW YORK OFFICE TO REIMBURSE INFORMANTS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS FUND DRIVE IN AMOUNTS NOT EXCEEDING THOSE AUTHORIZED BY THE BUREAU FOR THE MARCH NINETEEN FIFTY CP FUND DRIVE.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York 7, New York

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Aug 7, 1950

MEMO:

RE:

C. P. nsa. - Dist # 2
N. Y. State C. P.
Internal Security - C.

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EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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February 3, 1950.

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Bill Norman (Copy to)
New York State office.

Dear Bill,

I know that you are extremely conscious of the registration situation and the dues situation in the district. Nevertheless as I am dropping a note to all districts I would like to call to your attention a number of problems -- things I am sure you are already aware of.

According to our records you have a registered membership of 20,282, or 76.5% of your enrolled membership (When you spoke to Betty I was there and you indicated that the figure was slightly above 21,000. This would probably bring the percentage up to 77.) It is needless to say that as part of the preparations for the Plenum we are making a serious effort to complete the registration as rapidly as possible in most Districts, and we are counting in the Center that New York should be one of the Districts where a serious effort is made to have the registration completed prior to the Plenum.

In examining the dues situation we note the following: according to our records in the last quarter of 1949 the district dues average for that quarter was 96%. In this figure we included 1949 stamps that were purchased in January by the District. While the 96% average represents a sharp increase in comparison to the first, second and third quarters, the increase is by no means large enough to make up for the serious lag in those quarters. Hence the percentage for the year thus far in New York is 62% dues payment. Since this is the case we should therefore take note of the fact that even though the registration percentage is beyond 77, there is thus far a 15% gap between the registration percentage and the dues average. This implies that a large number of comrades have been and are being registered, without having them pay up their dues. It seems to me that this warrants a special examination and discussion with the Party leadership in the Counties, Sections and clubs.

Secondly, I would further like to call to your attention that even this this is already the beginning of February, in examining the reports submitted for the first half of January, we have the following revelation -- that in the first two weeks of January the District has purchased thus far 1530 1950 stamps. Perhaps the second two weeks of January will show a spectacular change in this figure. If not it will reveal a catastrophic drop in dues payment in the month of January. To the figure of 1530 we can add 879 1950 stamps purchased in 1949, making the total dues thus far of 2409 1950 stamps purchased (it is true you keep your figures somewhat differently than we do).

It seems to me that in view of the perspective of a National fund drive in the beginning of March, that some serious emergency steps have to be taken during the month of February to bring about a radical change in the dues situation, otherwise in the beginning of March we may be confronted with the problem that comrades will be concerned about getting days and weeks pay from members and therefore will postpone the smaller amounts represented in dues payment, to sometime after the drive.

Bill Norman

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February 3, 1950.

It is needless to say that this dues situation is just playing havoc with the national financial situation -- something you are very well familiar with.

I nevertheless feel it important to call these questions to your attention very sharply.

Comradely yours,

Jack Kling

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD URGENT
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[REDACTED] BALTO. CP ORGANIZER WHO IS INFORMANT-S CONTACT
IN PRESENT PARTY ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP. [REDACTED] ADVISED INFORMANT
THAT BECAUSE MANY PARTY MEMBERS HAVE RECENTLY GIVEN VARIOUS
EXCUSES FOR WANTING TO RESIGN FROM THE PARTY, THE PARTY IS NOW
CONDUCTING REREGISTRATION OF MEMBERS IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE
THOSE WHO MIGHT BE DANGEROUS TO THE PARTY-S SECURITY IN THE FUTURE.
REREGISTRATION IS BEING CONDUCTED STRICTLY ON ORAL BASIS,
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THOSE THE PARTY BELIEVES WOULD BE OF NO VALUE TO THE PARTY IN
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REREGISTRATION BEING CONDUCTED VERY SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY AND HAS
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COMMUNISTS SPEED OWN REGISTRATION

30-Day Deadline by Winston
Seen Indication of 'Purge'
Before Wood Bill Is Law

Henry Winston, national organizational secretary of the Communist party, set a thirty-day deadline yesterday for the completion of the party's own registration of members, before the Wood bill becomes law.

The Wood bill was passed by the House of Representatives Tuesday by a vote of 354 to 20. Introduced by Representative John S. Wood of Georgia, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the bill requires the Communist party to register and list all its members, and report on all their activities. It also requires officers of Communist "front" organizations to register.

In Washington committee members indicated suspicion the party registration was an attempt to obstruct the proposed new law.

Winston, one of the party's eleven leaders convicted last year of conspiracy to advocate violent overthrow of the Government, but out on bail pending completion of appeal procedure, was quoted in yesterday's Daily Worker, the party's propaganda organ.

He said the annual registration of party members has been going on for some weeks "to safeguard the welfare and liberties" of party members and others who share their views for "peace" and against "fascism." In view of the quick progress of the Wood bill, he said, the party's registration must now be rushed in completion.

Party Seen Going Underground

To those familiar with Communist terminology, Winston's statement indicated the party was planning to go entirely or almost entirely underground after the Wood bill was enacted into law. It also is believed to indicate the party is preparing a "cover" for secret Communists, is conducting or getting ready for a purge of "unreliables" and is consolidating the "hard core" of party "activists" for whatever may lie ahead.

The statement called for a "qualitative strengthening" of the party's work and "higher standards of membership."

Winston used "Aesopian" language, or Communist double-talk, as it was called by Federal Judge Harold R. Medina in last year's Communist trial, to call on members to work more intensively for class war in this country. He urged them to stir up labor troubles, fight this country's foreign policy and collaborate with the Soviet Union for "peace."

In an apparent allusion to recent defections from party ranks, he said anyone could join or leave the party voluntarily.

"Only those who have been registered by the party in the current registration," he added, "will carry the great honor that goes with membership in the Communist party."

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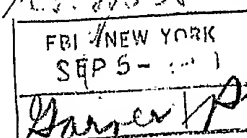
(C) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP -- A review of recent quarterly reports discloses that data concerning membership is not being reported uniformly. This makes it extremely difficult for an accurate computation of the membership to be made at the Bureau.

In addition to the data requested in SAC Letter No. 24 dated February 13, 1948, you are instructed to furnish the following information in each quarterly report.

The office of origin of a Communist Party district should set out the figures (1) for the entire district, (2) for the individual states covered by the district, and (3) a separate figure for the number of Communist Party members in the area covered by the field division. Auxiliary offices should set out figures for (1) the state or portion of a state covered by that division, (2) the number of Communist Party members in the area covered by the field division. Those auxiliary offices who have been authorized by the Bureau to submit data by letters rather than by quarterly reports, because of lack of activity, should include the above-requested data in their letters to the Bureau and offices of origin.

These figures should be set out clearly in the order above-named. The receipt of these figures will enable the Bureau to maintain current membership figures broken down as to district, state and field division.

It is realized that since the Communist Party has become very security conscious it is difficult to obtain accurate membership figures. Where better data is not available, your figures may be based on your own best estimate after checking with your most reliable sources of information. If your information does not come from informants, which source would be indicated in the report under a T symbol, the basis for your membership computations should be explained in the administrative section of the report.



NEW YORK, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 13, 1950

MEMO:

TO: J-40
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

by attached report dated May 14, 1950, [REDACTED] advised of a meeting of branch 136, J-40, held on May 5, 1950, at 3451 Miles Place, Bronx, New York City.

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The main topics of discussion at this meeting concerned membership funds for the Morning Freiheit and a plea for peace between the United States and the Soviet Union.

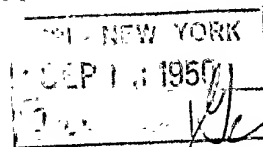
Separate memos are being submitted on all individuals known to have attended this meeting.

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cc 100-86624 (C. L. A., J-40 B, H., J-40 S)
cc 100-21 [REDACTED]
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REPORT

May 14, 1950
New York

JEWISH PEOPLES FRATERNAL
ORDER, I.W.O. ACTIVITIES

At a meeting of branch 138 J.P.F.O. held on May 5th, 1950, at the cafeteria Hall at 3451 Giles Place, A. Shuldiner Secretary of the branch reported that the Bronx County of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order recruited up to May 3rd, 1950, 805 new members for the organization in the recruiting drive in honor of the 20th anniversary of the International Workers Order.

He also reported that Bronx County J.P.F.O. collected up to May 3rd, 1950, \$16,800 on a quota of \$20,000 in the fund drive of the Jewish Communist daily the Morning Freiheit. He appealed to the members to increase their activities in the raising of funds for the "Morning Freiheit and for the recruiting of new members for the J.P.F.O. The recruiting of new members will end on May 20th 1950, at the celebration of 20 years I.W.O. in Madison Square Garden, New York.

The chairman of the meeting, F. GIBSON, said a few words on the importance of "using out Mother's Day for a peace propaganda day". He read a communication of the International Workers Order and of the Emma Lazarus Women's Division that "the best present to Mother on this Mother's Day is the creation of a united front for the protection of peace."

The communication asks that each member of the I.W.O. should send a postal card to President Truman demanding the outlawing of the A. & H. bombs and to start friendly negotiations with the Soviet Union for the securing of a world peace. The Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order and the Emma Lazarus Women's Division in joint communication read by the chairman are calling upon the Jewish mothers to devote Mother's Day for the "struggle for peace" and "to fight against anti-semitism and Jim Crow".

About 50 members were present at the above mentioned meeting. 2 new members were recruited by branch 138, Shuldiner reported during the last week and he announced that "only 875 came in for the Morning Freiheit".

Among those present at the meeting were [redacted]

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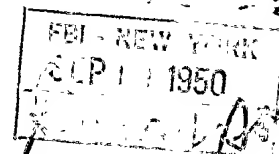
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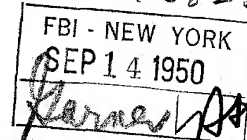
RE: CPUSA
DISTRICT NO. 2, New York Division
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated 5/18/50 [redacted] advised of a special meeting of the Mosholu-Kingsbridge Sec. (Bronx) of the CP at Section Headquarters, 3411 Jerome Ave., Bronx, N.Y. on 5/17/50.

[redacted] was chairman and spoke urging greater membership in the Party and larger sales of the "Daily Worker." The only other speaker was ISIDORE REBOW who spoke against Capitalism and the war mongers, and urged that funds be raised to free BRENNIS and other CP activities.

cc: 67-2557 (P & U)
100-87976 [redacted]
100-4119 (ISIDORE REBOW)
100-86624 (CPUSA-Int'l Relations)
100-80638 (CPUSA-Membership) ✓
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97-169 (FREEDOM OF THE PRESS CO. INC.)

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Report

May 18, 1950
New York

Communist Party U.S.A. Activities

A special meeting of the Kingsbridge Mosheim Section (Bronx, N.Y.) of the leadership and most active members of the Communist Party took place at the Section Headquarters on Jerome Ave on May 17th, 1950, about 60 communists were present at this meet.

The chairman of the meeting was [redacted]

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She opened the meeting with a few short remarks about the importance of strengthening the Communist Party. She stated that "we live in a period of great historical importance in which our party has a special mission - to lead our people to peace and socialism."

She underlined that to accomplish "this historical mission we must have a large and strong Communist Party." She urged the members to build the Daily Worker and the Worker which are the most effective instruments to bring to the working class and to all our people our message of peace and socialism. She also urged the members to build the C.P. by constantly recruiting new members.

The main and only official speaker at this meeting was Isidore Hegan, Chairman of the Bronx County Committee Communist Party.

He spoke on the question of "war or peace." He underlined "that American imperialism, which is the policy of the Wall Street and the Truman administration of financiers and generals, is leading to a 3rd world war...." "the American Wall Street government is out to capture the world for the benefit of the monopoly capitalists with the aid of its satellites England, France and Italy...." "to strengthen its hold on Europe, Asia and on other parts of the world American imperialism is spending billions of dollars financing reactionary governments and fascist groups all over the world...." "American imperialism is rearming Germany, reviving the German cartels and re-building the German Nazi organizations...."

"American imperialism set up some 200 war cases all over the world and is spending billions of dollars in arming of Europe and for the building of armies...."

"Why? There is only one answer: War.

"American imperialism is building a war machine on a world scale against the Soviet Union, against the peoples democracies of Eastern Europe and against the peoples republic of China....

"The war planners know to well that as long as there is a Socialist and Soviet Union, a Socialist China and other Socialist countries, they will not succeed in their aims of controlling the world....

"They think that a war will destroy the Soviet Union and that they will have a free hand of colonizing the world....

"Comrade Foster gave warning to the blind fools of imperialism that a 3rd world war will be end of capitalism in the world, but a 3rd world war will also bring death to millions of people.... Capitalism is dying anyway. Nothing in the world could save capitalism, but we must save humanity from the catastrophe of a new war... He underlined "that saving humanity from the catastrophe of a new war is the most important task of the Communist Parties of the world and of our Communist Party."

He stated that "the persecution of the Communist Party here; the jailing of Gene Dennis, the persecution of the progressive trade union leaders; the persecution of the foreign born; the anti-negro; the anti-Jewish campaigns; the suppression of national minority groups in our country are parts of the strategy of the war planners to clear the road for a war for the benefit of monopoly-Capitalist."

"There is great danger that in their desperation and greed the Trumans and the Achinsons will make war, but their sword-rattling is not a sign of their strength. It is rather a sign of our weakness. We, as Communists, don't do enough to awaken our working class to the struggle for peace. As much as our people hate war, they are not, as yet, organized for the decisive struggle for peace..."

He underlined that "it is the duty and the supreme task of our party to lead the workers and the people of our country in an organized mass struggle for peace. It is our duty to smash the war plans of our imperialist..."

He stated that "to accomplish this task, the task of releasing the world from the fear of war we must:

- "1. build our party,
- "2. build our press.
- "3. lead the peace movement in our country...

He stressed the importance of "setting up peace committees in every neighborhood, in the shops and among the national groups; to work for Unity between the negro and the Jewish people; to support the peace efforts of every organization in our community; to work for the freedom of all political prisoners; to organize public opinion against the Mundt bill; to struggle against the Taft-Hartley law...."

He underlined that these efforts and tasks are today on the order of the day of the Communist Party. "By working for the accomplishment of these tasks we are working for peace and Socialism." He called upon every club and every communist of the section to give all of the time and energy in the building of the Party (Communist) and the party's press. He also called upon the membership to raise funds for the freedom of Dennis for the work and activities of the Communist Party.

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Henry Winston Urges Completion of Annual CP Registration Drive

Henry Winston, national organizational secretary of the Communist Party, yesterday urged completion within 30 days of the annual registration of the Communist Party membership, which has now been going on for some weeks. Winston's statement follows:

The passage by the House of the infamous Wood police-state bill and the imminent danger of such a bill being rushed through the Senate emphasizes the mad drive to war by Wall Street and its political agents. The kernel of this reactionary offensive carries with it the destruction of traditional American rights of political association and freedom of political opinions.

Unconstitutional actions of the courts and police-state laws in Congress as well as similar developments in state or local legislative bodies (Los Angeles, McKeesport, Birmingham, Tampa, etc.) threaten what is left of democratic liberties for Americans who are anti-fascist and who dare to speak for peace, and especially for the members of the Communist Party. Their means of livelihood, the welfare of their families and their liberties are placed in jeopardy by this growing fascist danger which is scrapping the Constitution with the sanction of governmental authorities.

While the danger grows, there is a simultaneous awakening among millions expressing themselves in various forms in opposition to the attacks. The weaknesses of these movements consist in the fact that these actions are not developed on the basis of a united front program of action commonly agreed to by all opponents of these fascist bills. It is to this end that our Party, while emphasizing the lateness of the hour, also states that it is not yet too late to achieve unity now to successfully stem this reactionary drive.

As previously decided by the National Committee, in order to safeguard the welfare and liberties of all Americans so threatened, the 1950 annual registration which has been under way in recent weeks, should be completed within the next 30 days.

The responsibilities placed upon our Party in the fight for peace and the preservation of democratic liberties makes necessary a qualitative strengthening of the work of our Party.

The working people of the U.S. are opposed to imperialist slaughter. They want peace. They are opposed to fascism and want to preserve democratic liberties. To achieve these democratic ideals of the masses makes necessary for higher standards of membership in our Party which must include:

- A basic understanding of class forces, the role and function of our Party in defense of the interests of our class and energetically combat false ideology of the bourgeoisie which threatens our country with fascism and war.
- Contact with the workers and daily leadership in united front struggles in the fight against speed-up, discrimination, for wage increases and the general fight for civil rights.
- Readiness to make sacrifices in the struggle for democracy and peace against fascism and war which could only lead to the annihilation of millions of Americans as surely as it will other peoples of the world.
- To oppose the hostile war policy towards the Soviet Union by the bi-partisans and champion the cause of U.S.-Soviet collaboration for peace, and support the liberation movements of peoples in colonies and semi-colonies. Such a course of conduct defends the highest interest of our class and people.

Our Party is, and has at all times been, a democratic organization, and joining or leaving the ranks of the Communist Party has at all times been a voluntary individual action based upon conviction. We will continue this concept of organization. Only those who have been registered by the Party in the current registration will carry the great honor that goes with membership in the Communist Party.



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
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MEMO:

RE: CPUSA - Membership
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Special Agent in Charge

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Communist Party, U.S.A.

NATIONAL OFFICE

35 EAST 12th STREET • NEW YORK 3, N. Y. • Telephone: ALgonquin 4-2215

September 11, 1950

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CARL WINTER

TO ALL DISTRICTS

Dear Comrades:

I wish to call to your attention the urgency of completing the registration in the shortest period of time. We should keep in mind the importance of fighting to solve the entire problem of maximum registration, with special emphasis on the whole question of workingclass composition.

However, even though in many districts the registration is well advanced, this does not as yet reflect itself in the dues payment in the districts. This may mean that this question is not being given sufficient emphasis by the comrades from the districts. Yet we have to bear in mind that the three basic requirements for membership in the Party embodied in our Constitution includes the question of dues.

It is most urgent that a campaign be made to collect back dues and maintain as a part of our fight for a higher standard of membership - up-to-date dues payment.

Lastly. The Fund Drive is lagging in your district and every effort should be made to complete it as quickly as possible. The launching of the financial campaign was due to the fact that we faced emergencies in regard to many aspects of the fight against the pro-fascist bills before the Congress and the attempt to legalize our Party in various cities and states. The funds requested are the means by which the fight-back is made possible.

Knowing that you will give this matter your full attention, I remain

Comradely yours,

HENRY WINSTON

National Organization Secretary

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New York, New York

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September 28, 1950

Director, FBI

RE: CP, USA - BACKGROUND OPERATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

[redacted] advised by report dated September 27, 1950, that she and comrade [redacted] of the Queensbridge Club, Queens County Communist Party, held a special meeting on September 26, 1950, with a woman who represented the Queens County Communist Party. The purpose of this meeting was to establish a new organizational setup for the Queensbridge Club, which Club also comprises the Queensbridge Section.

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This woman representative of the Queens County Communist Party declined to furnish her name, but stated that she could be reached telephonically through the telephone of her husband, [redacted] Long Island. The informant was under the impression therefore, that this woman uses an alias for Party purposes which she did not wish to furnish. For the purposes of this letter, she will be referred to as Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she will serve in the capacity of Section Leader and will effect liaison between Queens County and the two Queensbridge Club leaders [redacted] and the informant). The Club leaders will each have two group captains responsible to them, and there will be a maximum of five comrades in each group, [redacted] announced. Group captains responsible to [redacted] Group captains responsible to the informant are [redacted] [redacted] designated the groups and group captains under [redacted] direct supervision, responsible for all American Labor Party work of the Queensbridge Club. She designated the groups and group captains under the direct supervision of the informant, responsible for all Tenants League work in the Club.

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cc 100-3241
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62-1012 (p c)

HTG: [redacted]
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Letter to Director
NY 100-36345

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Letter to Director
NY 100-96985

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[] further advised that she is to be responsible for all Club finances. The Club treasury of some \$40.00 or \$50.00 was turned over to her. She was also made responsible for the Club debt of \$56.61, half of which must be paid. [] in turn will supply all literature and discussion material to the Club leaders.

In addition, [] instructed that numbers be used to designate all comrades for the purposes of financial records, fund quotas, etc. The numbers 11 through 16 and 25 through 29 have been assigned to [] to designate the comrades in the groups responsible to her. The numbers 35 through 40 and 44 through 49 have been assigned to the informant to designate the comrades in the groups responsible to her. The group captains will be given a block of numbers and they in turn will assign a number to each comrade. Neither the Club leaders [] or the informant), the County representative on the Section level, Mrs. [] nor the County leadership will know to whom the numbers are assigned.

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The informant stated that she would make all reports to [] regarding the foregoing categories by these numbers, and that for example, should number 38 in one of her groups be remiss in paying dues, [] will instruct the informant that pressure be placed on the comrade designated as number 38 to meet this responsibility.

[] stated that numbers one through 20 in direct numeric succession have not been used to designate the comrades in the groups, because number 20 might thereby recognize that there were twenty members in the Club.

The Bureau will be promptly advised as to the practical functioning of this system.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, El Paso

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
DISTRICT NUMBER 23
EL PASO OFFICE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: September 29, 1950

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Security Measures
(Bufile 100-3-84)

Membership

(Bufile 100-3-68)

It is suggested that the following information not be distributed outside of the Bureau and Bureau field offices.

The following information was received by SA [redacted] from [redacted] of known reliability:

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The informant was reregistered by [redacted] State Organizer of the Communist Party for New Mexico, and by [redacted] [redacted] community leader of the Communist Party in El Paso, Texas.

In connection with this reregistration [redacted] asked the informant numerous detailed questions and indicated that they were reregistering all of the El Paso Communists within the next few days. No record of this reregistration was made by [redacted] indicated that in some manner all the data regarding reregistration would be sent to the national headquarters and that the Communist Party expected to lose some 20 percent of its members, but felt that the best members would remain.

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They indicated also that all reregistrations would be made of one member at a time and that in this manner no one would know, except those doing the registering, who was a member of the Communist Party except himself and the individual or individuals handling the details of registration.

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100-821

cc: 2 - Houston
② - New York
2 - Albuquerque
2 - Denver
1 - EP 62-828
1 - EP 100-3805
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On this occasion [] instructed the informant to withdraw from Progressive Party and related organizations, not to attend Communist Party meetings, and to become as "respectable" as he could. [] also indicated that the informant might have to do certain things out of the ordinary and might even have to go to jail, and he wanted this clearly understood by the informant before agreeing to reregister in the Communist Party.

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The questions asked during this reregistration included the following:

Were you a Communist Party member back East?
Did you have any Communist Party connections back East?
How long have you been in the party?
Where did you first hear about the party?
Who was present when you first found out about the Communist Party?
What was the next event in connection with joining the Communist Party?
What made you join the Communist Party?
When did you get into the Progressive Party and how?
Did you ever belong to any other progressive organization?
Is there anything you disagree with in the Communist Party?
What family do you have, and their occupations?
Do they know you are in the Communist Party?
Are politics discussed by you and the other members of your family?
Why do you believe in the Communist Party?
Do you believe in Socialism?
Do you have any bad habits?
Do you know what you are saying when you are drinking?
Why did you settle in El Paso?
Have you ever been married?
Do you intend to marry?
Do you have a steady girlfriend?

In this connection it should be noted that, according to this informant, the exact names and addresses of members of the family were not asked, and that no record was made by [] of the information he received in response to these questions.

The following information was obtained by SA [] from [] of known reliability:

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This informant was reregistered 9-6-50 by [] and [] in El Paso, Texas. [] stated that the membership of the party was currently being rechecked from the

national headquarters down to the smallest club. He indicated that he himself and [] had already been "rechecked;" that the party had started to cut down on its membership and that only the most capable and reliable individuals would remain; that in New Mexico about 20 percent of the party members had been expelled and that in Colorado 15 percent had been expelled. [] indicated that this was being done so that the party could function more ably if registration of Communist Party members was required under various laws pending in Congress.

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[] indicated that all members were being reregistered in the Communist Party individually as a security measure and that in this way the average member would not know who currently was a member. [] indicated that in the future Communist Party meetings would have to be most discreet and that later on would in all probability be reduced to a meeting between two individuals and that [] in El Paso, Texas, would meet with each member.

The informant in connection with being reregistered in the Communist Party was asked a variety of questions, including:

- Why he first became interested in ANMA
- Why his family did not attend ANMA meetings

New York 7, New York

October 12, 1950

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Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - Underground Operations
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau File 100-3-94)

Dear Sir:

Reurlets October 6 and September 28, 1950 in which the Bureau was advised that [] had reported on the newly-established underground set-up of the Queensbridge Section, Queens County Communist Party.

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[] telephonically advised on October 10, 1950 that [] Bryant Club I Organizer, Bronx County Communist Party, invited him to the home of Communist Party members [] at the [] Bronx, New York. Informant had never attended a meeting in the [] home previously and did not know the purpose of his invitation to their home at this time.

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Upon arriving at the [] home, [] subjected the informant to a series of questions designed to obtain background information regarding him and information concerning his loyalty to the Communist Party. The informant recalled the following questions:

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When did you join the Communist Party?
Why did you join the Communist Party?
Who did you meet when you first joined the Communist Party?
Who first interested you in the Party?
Did you ever attend Marxist classes?
Does your wife know that you are a member of the Communist Party? (Informant's wife is not a Communist Party member)
Does your wife go to church?
Do you go to church?

cc - NY 100-80641
NY 100-80638
NY 62-8400
NY 62-9662 (P & C)

HTG:EG
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Confidential letter to Director
NY 100-96985

Since your wife does not know that you belong to the Communist Party, do you believe that your wife would inform on you if she found it out?
Do you know anyone within the Party that the Party should be suspicious of?
Do you know anyone in the Party who has been disciplined? Were you ever disciplined?
Do you use narcotics?
Do you have any disagreements with the Party?
Is there anything else about yourself that we should know?

Informant advised that [redacted] did all the interviewing except for a word thrown in now and then by [redacted] identified herself as a member of the interviewing staff of the Tremont Section. Informant advised that the purpose of having the two comrades present during the questioning was to witness his oral registration in the Communist Party.

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[redacted] advised informant that she has been appointed to the section staff and that the Tremont Section was being split into two sections north of Tremont Street and south of Tremont Street, Bronx, New York. Furthermore, she advised that the Bryant Club I, comprised of approximately twenty members, was now to have two organizers with two group captains responsible to each organizer. Bryant Club II has been divided in the same fashion.

Informant has been designated as a club organizer of Bryant Club I. It was explained to him that his duties would be to attend group meetings, collect dues, and relay literature and instructions to the clubs from the section officer who would contact him. [redacted] was advised further that it was his responsibility to interview the comrades in Bryant Club I with another comrade, as yet unnamed, for the purpose of accepting their oral registration after they have been subjected to the same questions as were put to him by [redacted]

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It was explained to the informant that the Party was not necessarily going to drop "dead wood", that is, those who have not actively participated in Party affairs. On any "dead wood" or others about whom the informant should have any question, he has been instructed to report to the section officer to whom he will be responsible, and these people will be discussed thoroughly.

~~Confidential~~ letter to Director
NY 100-96935

It should be noted that the foregoing information from [] is substantially the same as that set forth in referenced letters emanating from [] in Queens County.

[] advised on October 10, 1950 that he was summoned to a personal interview with his club organizer, namely, [] of the Waspeth Club, Queens County Communist Party. [] advised the informant that certain select Waspeth club functionaries are being given the same interview. [] mentioned the names of [] both of the Waspeth Club.

Informant stated that [] read off a series of questions from what appeared to be a typewritten form, and after each question the answer given by the informant was written in the appropriate space below the question by [] Informant furnished the following questions which were asked of him:

Are parents living?
What is the source of parents' income?
What are their political viewpoints?
What work do brothers and sisters or other close relatives engage in?
What are their political views?
At any time did you associate with any enemies of the Communist Party such as expelled comrades or factionalist groups?
Did you ever belong to any anti-Communist Party organizations such as the Fascist or Trotskyite groups?
How long in the Communist Party?
Why did you join the Communist Party?
Who recruited you into the Party and when?
What kind of activity were you doing at the time you joined the Communist Party?
What kind of work are you doing now?
Is any member of your family a member of any organization which is considered anti-Communist?
Are you married or single?
Any children?
Is your wife a Communist Party member?
What are her political views?
What unions are you a member of?

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Did you ever partake in any Communist Party demonstrations or rallies, etc.?
What is the extent of your public schooling?
What is the extent of your Communist Party education?
List of Communist Party schools and teachers or instructors.
Name the different type jobs you have held during working career.
What work can you do?
Have you at any time disagreed with decisions or policy of the Communist Party?
When and why?

[] advised the informant that the purpose of this interview was a thorough check-up on the leading Party members who no doubt may be called upon to engage or participate in confidential meetings or trusted to other confidential Party work.

[] advised the informant that the above series of questions which the informant had to answer is "mild" compared to the questions which section and county leaders must submit to. [] indicated to the informant that only selected club members, section leaders and county leaders would go through such an interview. [] also advised that the rank and file members of the Communist Party will be afforded a check-up in December 1950, which check-up will be in the form of a registration.

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It is to be noted that [] is a club leader of the Maspeth Club and is also a group captain. Informant believes that if this interview is passed upon by the higher-ups such as the section or county leaders, he may then be selected to engage in some confidential type or underground type work.

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The above is furnished for the Bureau's information. Any further developments pertaining to the assignment of the above-mentioned informants to engage in confidential Communist Party work will be forwarded to the Bureau at that time.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
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(F) MISCELLANEOUS - CIVIL AERONAUTICS ACT -- Public Law 85 approved on August 3, 1950, amended Section 902(b) of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938 as amended 49 U. S. Code, 622, (b). The section now reads:-

"Any person who knowingly and willfully forges, counterfeits, alters, or falsely makes any certificate authorized to be issued under this Act, or knowingly uses or attempts to use any such fraudulent certificate, and any person who knowingly and willfully displays or causes to be displayed on any aircraft, any marks that are false or misleading as to the nationality or registration of the aircraft, shall be subject to a fine of not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment not exceeding three years, or to both such fine and imprisonment."

You will note that the recent amendment makes it unlawful to willfully display or cause to be displayed marks on aircraft false or misleading as to the nationality or registration of the aircraft.

Regulations of the Civil Aeronautics Board currently effective require that aircraft registered for the first time after December 31, 1948 shall display identification marks consisting of the Roman capital letter "N," denoting United States registration, followed by the registration number. Other aircraft (aircraft registered prior to December 31, 1948) which display identification marks containing an airworthiness symbol "C" (compliance with minimum airworthiness requirements), "R" (restricted category aircraft), "X" (experimental aircraft), or "I" (military) and which are operated solely within the Continental limits of the United States may display such identification marks until the first time such aircraft are recovered or refinished to an extent necessitating the reapplication of the identification mark. Thereafter such aircraft and after December 31, 1950 all aircraft of United States registry, operated outside of the Continental limits of the United States, shall display identification marks consisting of the Roman capital letter "N," denoting the United States registration, followed by the registration number.

The required marking on the aircraft must be displayed on the right half of the upper surface and the left half of the lower surface of the wing structure of the aircraft.

Complaints concerning violations in this section will usually come from the Regional Office of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Investigation of such complaints should be initiated immediately.

(G) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP -- Information has been received indicating that beginning in the latter part of August and continuing through September 1950 the Communist Party, USA, is conducting a country-wide reregistration of the Party membership. It was reported that the Party hoped to complete this registration within a thirty-day period. One source has advised that the registration will be conducted strictly on an oral basis. The Party has indicated that it will use this registration program to drop from its membership those individuals whom it considers to be security risks.

Each Office must be alert through its confidential informants and other coverage for any information concerning the results of this Communist registration. The Bureau should be kept promptly advised of any developments in this connection received in the Field.

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Very truly yours,
- 6 - John Edgar Hoover

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cc - Mr. YOUNG (RM)

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RE CP USA ORGANIZATION, MEMBERSHIP, IS-C. SF ONE FOUR TWO FIVE ADVISED THAT PETTIS PERRY, SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL NEGRO COMMISSION, ATTENDED MEETING OF CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF CP THIS DATE. PERRY STATED THAT NATIONAL CONVENTION OF CP WILL BE HELD DECEMBER FOURTEENTH THROUGH SIXTEENTH AND THAT MUCH STRESS WILL BE LAID ON STRENGTHENING OF INDUSTRIAL CONCENTRATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON DEVELOPMENT OF UNITED FRONT ACTIVITY. PERRY STATED THAT CP IS FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO RETAIN PRESENT MEMBERSHIP AND HAS EXPERIENCED LOWEST RECRUIT RATE DURING PAST PERIOD THAT IT HAS HAD IN YEARS. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT THIRTEEN, STATED THAT DELEGATES WILL BE SENT TO NATIONAL CONVENTION ON BASIS OF NUMBER OF DUES PAYMENTS WHICH WILL RESULT IN APPROXIMATELY TWENTY TO TWENTY-FIVE DELEGATES FROM CALIFORNIA AND APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DELEGATES FROM ALL OVER UNITED STATES. SCHNEIDERMAN INDICATED SAN FRANCISCO CONTEMPLATES REGISTRATION OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY PERCENT OF ITS MEMBERSHIP DURING CURRENT REGISTRATION DRIVE. SCHNEIDERMAN MENTIONED, IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE FIGURES OF SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN AND FIVE THOUSAND BUT DID NOT ELABORATE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF FIGURES NOT KNOWN. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN MAY REPRESENT EIGHTY PERCENT OF MEMBERSHIP WHICH CP CONTEMPLATES WILL REGISTER. FOREGOING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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cc NEW YORK (AM)
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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11-8-50

MEMO:

RE: C. P. N.S.A. -
membership
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On 10-25-50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the initials of Special Agent [redacted] and S.E. A.E. FALLER, who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit. b6 b7C

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see ATTACHED in file # .

Description of exhibit:

*Draft of letter (undated) from Michael Russo,
Asst Natl C.P. Organizational Secretary, to unidentified
C.P. District Board re Registration + dues
Status.*

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EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

We would like to call attention of your District Board to several important questions relating to the status of Party organization. These problems, if unresolved, will seriously hamper the work of the Party at a time when it is necessary to give the most effective day to day leadership to struggles on many fronts. The difficult objective situation has brought the long-standing organizational weaknesses of the Party into sharp focus. It has also revealed the existence of very pronounced liquidationist tendencies on top levels of leadership, which, if unchecked and not reversed, can prove disastrous.

First, an examination of registration results in your District would indicate that the Party will suffer a drastic decline in membership unless the most extraordinary measures to achieve a maximum registration are taken at once. Since the Plenum, registration generally has remained at a standstill. The slowing down of the tempo of registration can only ~~maximize~~ mean that everywhere complacency is setting in and we are not carrying it through as speedily as possible. If this is so, we are committing a very serious error. For not only will it prove harmful to registration but can effect other phases of work as well. We cannot relax our vigilance or return to methods of work and time schedules that do not ~~max~~ reflect an appreciation of the character of the present situation. Moreover, we have received no assurances that your registration objectives coincide with the National Committee estimate that it is possible and necessary to achieve a maximum registration. The National Committee estimates that it is possible to achieve an 80% registration nationally; and everywhere this is the goal that should be set and fought for.

But in order to reach this goal we must reject all distorted notions and approaches that would base ~~registration~~ the registration objective on the Party Cadre and active membership. We must put aside arbitrary and mechanical concepts of membership which have no relationship to the conditions before us. On the basis of the minimal approach outlined by Comrade Hall at the National Committee Plenum, it is possible to win the overwhelming majority of the Party membership to register and thus avoid a catastrophic decline that would greatly weaken the Party, impair its ability to carry out the responsibilities before it, and deprive it of many valuable members who will prove their effectiveness in the days ahead. Above all, the most serious effort must be made to retain our working class and Negro membership. Losses in this respect would further aggravate the already serious situation we face with regard to the class composition of our Party. We urge your District Board to examine this matter carefully. Not a worker, not a Negro should be dropped without the approval of a higher body or committee. Where they have already been dropped without the approval of a higher committee, we urge you to review the cases with the aim of retaining ~~them~~ them in the Party. Finally, registration must be completed by November 15. ~~maximize~~

Secondly, on the dues status in your District. There has been no appreciable improvement in the situation since registration got underway. For the first nine months of the year your District bought dues stamps equal to ----- of your membership. For the months of August and September during which you have been registering your membership, your District purchased ~~maximize~~ dues stamps equal to ----- of your membership. Obviously there is a very serious discrepancy ~~between~~

between your registration, even though incomplete, and your dues payments for these two months. Part of the difference no doubt can be explained by some dues orders you may have on hand. But this is not the major reason. The ~~main~~ most important reason is that a very large part of the membership is not yet attached to one of the Party organizations, and consequently is inactive and does not pay dues.

We cannot for long tolerate a situation of this kind where scores if not hundreds of Party members remain unattached without giving rise to uncontrollable liquidationist tendencies. Assigning Party members to a Party organization is an indispensable part of registration; the two go hand in hand. Particularly do we stress the need to assign every shop worker to a Party organization. This is a key question to which the District leadership should give immediate attention. This problem, it must be emphasized, as well as the general problem of organizing the Party, will not be solved by the Organizational Secretary alone; it will not be solved by the Org Department; it will be solved only if it engages the ~~max~~ most systematic attention of the District Organizer and the entire leadership of the Party.

As part of the preparation for the ~~National~~ District and National Conventions, we urge you to undertake a most serious effort to guarantee that every registered member is paid up in dues. In addition to a paid up membership each party member, in accordance with the Constitution, will be called upon to ~~pay~~ pay for a Convention Assessment stamp equal to one month's dues. The basis for District representation to the National Convention will be determined by your average dues payments for the first eleven months of the year. We feel certain that if we understand that the essence of registration and re-organization is the fight for the Party, and if this understanding is translated into effective organizational measures, your District can reduce membership losses substantially, achieve a high level of dues payments and come to the convention with a maximum registration and a greatly consolidated Party organization.

In line with the fight for the Party, we would also urge you to give serious thought to the question of Party recruiting. Recruiting in your District has come to a standstill. The attitude prevails in our ranks that it is "impossible to recruit." This is utterly wrong and does not reflect an understanding of what is meant by a Party of a new type. We cannot recruit in the old way, new forms of recruiting must be developed in keeping with the requirements of the present situation. The fact is we ~~must~~ must recruit, regardless of the objective situation. Our Party cannot remain static. To fail to recruit, to operate on the theory that "now is not the time to recruit," is to succumb to liquidationism. In fact, even to retain our present membership strength, we must recruit. We strongly recommend that you examine the possibilities of recruiting in ~~your district~~ a modest number of workers into the Party by the time of the National convention. The fulfillment of a minimum recruiting goal, however modest, would have a very healthy effect on the membership as a whole.

All of us are aware of the objective difficulties. But difficulties exist to be overcome; the essence of Communist leadership is to solve problems, no matter what the difficulties. ~~The~~ matter what the situation, the content of our work remains the same. Today the emphasis must be on greater united front activity, not less, greater ~~max~~ contact

and deeper ties with the masses, not less, greater initiative from below and the development of the full potential of the Party membership. We must be mindful of all wrong tendencies that would drive us from the path of strengthening our ties with the workers; we must be alert to and combat all tendencies to underestimate the role of the Party. ~~We must~~ We must struggle daily to strengthen the Party so that in every respect it can better fulfill its role as the vanguard of the working class.

We urge your District Board to discuss the questions raised in this letter and to take all necessary steps to solve some the pressing organizational problems before the Party. May we hear from you soon regarding your plans to guarantee the ~~fulfillment~~ solution of these problems.

Comradely yours,

M. Russo,

New York 7, New York

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November 18, 1950

Director, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.
MEMBERSHIP
INTERNAL SECURITY -C
Bureau File # 100-3-68

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is information obtained by ND 419 on 11/13/50 from Rooms 1904-05, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, occupied by the Kings County Communist Party.

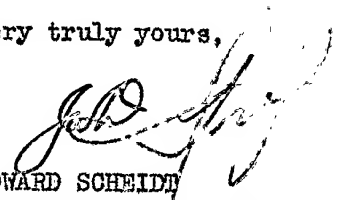
The enclosed is a mimeographed form believed to be used by the New York State CP in conducting its 1950 membership registration.

A duplicate original exhibit is being retained in the files of the New York Office.

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100-81338 (CP USA- SEC. MEASURES)
100-26603-C43 (CP USA- DIST. # 2)
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Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

100-80638-282

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REGISTRATION

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9. Others (Specify)

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/18/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/19-28; 10/23-31; 11/1, 5, 6, 8, 9/50	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA DISTRICT #2, New York Division			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Re: Membership
QUARTERLY PERIOD - JULY 1st THROUGH SEPTEMBER
30, 1950

Membership of District #2 remains about 25,000, \$477,000.00 of goal of \$650,000.00 in 1950 fund drive of District #2 raised by mid-spring. Stringent security measures and strict loyalty checks of CP members continue in effect in District #2. Group system now in operation in District #2. Little factionalist activity noted in District #2. District #2 urges that peace petition drive be accompanied by vigorous hands-off Korea campaign. CP not running any candidates in NY elections, but is endeavoring to be active independent force in campaign. Re-election of Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO and huge vote for state-wide ALP candidates urged by District #2. Passage of Internal Security Act of 1950 by Congress bitterly denounced by District #2. Opening of Stuyvesant Town in NYC to Negroes demanded by CP. Support given by CP to NYC school teachers suspended on charges of past CP membership. CP defends rights of workers to strike and not to submit to any future no-strike pledge. CP Negro front groups in NYC contend Korean war is being waged by capitalist imperialism against colored peoples of world. CP youth and womens' front organizations continue their activities to promote struggle for peace and oppose American intervention in Korea. CP activity in cultural and national group fields calls for peace and termination of Korean conflict. Literature of District #2 accents peace campaign. Several summer cadre training schools conducted by District #2. ~~X~~

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New York Division
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NY File 100-26603
Period: July 1 to September 30, 1950

[MEMBERSHIP]X

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(NY File 100-80638)

As indicated in reference report, according to Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, the enrolled membership of the New York State Communist Party was 26,512 as of February 3, 1950. Since nearly 1200 of the membership are located within the Albany and Buffalo Division, the Communist Party membership within the New York Division is approximately 25,300. X

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of District #2, Communist Party, USA, for the quarterly period beginning July 1 1950 and ending September 30, 1950.

Copies of this report have been designated for the Albany, Buffalo and Newark Offices for informational purposes in view of their contiguity and interest in the activities of District #2.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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RUSSEL S. GARNER, dated at New York, November 18, 1950 are:

T-1	ND 515	b7D
T-2	[redacted], who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.	
T-3	Confidential Mail Box maintained by the New York Office, contents of which were made available to SA JOHN T. MURPHY.	
T-4	[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]	b6 b7C b7D
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T-6	ND 521	
T-7	[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]	b6 b7C b7D
T-8	ND 301	
T-9	District Intelligence Office, Third Naval District, New York City	
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- T-22 [redacted] New York City, who furnished information to SA ALBERT J. KLEIN.
- T-23 [redacted] New York City. who furnished information to SAA JOHN H. KLEINKAUF, and who requested that his identity be kept confidential.
- T-24 [redacted] Bronx, New York, who furnished information to SAA JOHN H. KLEINKAUF and who requested that his name be kept confidential.
- T-25 [redacted] New York, who furnished information to SAA JOHN H. KLEINKAUF and who requested that his name be kept confidential.
- T-26 [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, who furnished information to SAA JOHN H. KLEINKAUF and who requested that his name be kept confidential.
- T-27 [redacted] who furnished information to SAA JOHN H. KLEINKAUF and who requested that his name be kept confidential.

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T-28 [redacted] who furnished information
to SAA JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.

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T-30 [redacted]

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T-31 [redacted]

T-32 [redacted]

T-33 [redacted] who furnished information
to SA [redacted]

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T-35 [redacted]

[redacted] New York City,
who furnished the information to
SA THORNTON M. WOOD, and who re-
quested that their identities be
kept confidential.

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T-36 [redacted] who furnished information
to SA JOSEPH F. DIFFLEY.

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T-37 [redacted] who furnished information
to SA ELDRED W. COX and SA WILLIAM J.
TRACY.

T-38 [redacted]

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T-39 [redacted]

[redacted] Brooklyn, New York, who fur-
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BURNS, and who requested that his
identity be kept confidential.

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to SA [redacted]

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[redacted] contacted by SA FRANK R.
LONGO. b7D

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Albany Confidential Informant 2848.

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District Intelligence Office,
Miami, Florida.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Brooklyn, New
York, who was [redacted]
[redacted] Brooklyn,
and former Communist Party member,
who furnished information to SA
JOSEPH F. DIFFLEY and [redacted]
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REFERENCE: Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, 7/20/50.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/17/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/19-28; 10/23-31; 11/1, 5, 6, 8, 9/50	REPORT MADE BY RUSSELL S. GARNER
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Re: Membership
QUARTERLY PERIOD - JULY 1st THROUGH SEPTEMBER
30, 1950

Peace campaign and drive for 5,000,000 signatures to World Peace Appeal continues as central task of CP, USA. Communist Committee to Defend the 12 merged with Civil Rights Congress. National CP membership remains about 46,000. 1950 registration of membership under way, but decrease is feared by CP, USA. \$200,000 "Fight-Back" fund drive launched by CP, USA, in early August, 1950. CP, USA reported to be facing recurrent serious and urgent financial crisis. Strict CP loyalty checks of members and stringent security measures continue in effect. Group system now operating within CP, USA with no further club meetings taking place. Little factionalist activity noted at present. CP, USA accuses Wall Street of instigating war in Korea and advocates policy of hands-off Korea together with withdrawal of U.S. troops and repeal of draft. CP, USA urges UN to give assurance that UN will not sanction use of atom bomb in Korea. CP, USA insists that Red China be admitted to UN in place of Nationalist China. HENRY WALLACE castigated by CP, USA for his support of U.S. in Korea. Republican-Democrat-Liberal coalition predicts victory over Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO in his bid for re-election. Passage of Internal Security Act of 1950 by Congress bitterly condemned by CP, USA and CP, USA announces it will not register under new law. Successful campaign waged by CP, USA, for continued bail of

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10 convicted CP leaders. CP, USA maintains that workers must defend their right to strike and not submit to any future no-strike pledge. CP, USA further strengthening its fight against white chauvinism. CP youth and womens' front groups continue their activities to promote struggle for peace and oppose American intervention in Korea. Midwest Farm Conference of CP, USA, emphasized peace petition signature campaign among farmers and in rural areas. CP activity in cultural field calls for peace and end to Korean war. United front policy for peace highlighted national group conference of CP, USA. World Peace Appeal being signed by number of religious leaders. Literature finances of CP, USA in critical state. All outlines and educational directives issued by CP, USA prior to August 15, 1950 withdrawn following decision of the U. S. Court of Appeals upholding conviction of CP leaders, reportedly for purpose of creating illusion that CP, USA, has abandoned its revolutionary concepts.

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Period: July 1 to September 30, 1950

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)
(NY File 100-80638)

COMPLETION OF 1950 REGISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP SCHEDULED DURING
SEPTEMBER

HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Organizational Secretary, on August 30, 1950, urged completion within thirty days of the annual registration of Communist Party membership, according to an article in the "Daily Worker" for August 31, 1950, Page 2, Column 4.

WINSTON'S statement said that the passage by the House of the infamous Wood Police State Bill and the imminent danger of such a bill being rushed through the Senate, emphasized the mad drive to war by Wall Street and its political agents. The kernel of this reactionary offense, the statement said, carried with it the destruction of traditional American rights of political association and freedom of political opinions.

The statement declared that as previously decided by the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, in order to safeguard the welfare and liberties of all Americans, the 1950 annual registration which had been underway in recent weeks should be completed within the next thirty days.

The statement concluded:

"Our Party is and has at all times been, a democratic organization, and joining or leaving the ranks of the Communist Party has at all times been voluntary individual action based upon conviction. We will continue this concept of organization. Only those who have been registered by the Party in the current registration will carry the great honor that goes with membership in the Communist Party."

Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, made available a draft of an undated letter from MICHAEL RUSSO, Assistant

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National Communist Party Organizational Secretary, to an unidentified Communist Party District Board relative to the status of registration and dues.

RUSSO said that an examination of registration results in this district would indicate that the Party would suffer drastic declines in membership unless the most extraordinary measures to achieve a maximum registration were taken at once. Since the Plenum of the National Committee on September 19, 20, 1950, registration generally had remained at a stand-still. According to RUSSO, the slowing tempo of registration could only mean that everywhere, complacency was setting in and the districts were not carrying it through as speedily as possible.

RUSSO asserted that the National Committee estimated that it was possible to achieve an eighty percent registration nationally, and everywhere that was the goal that should be set and fought for. But in order to reach this goal, he said, the districts must reject all distorted notions and approaches that would base the registration objective on the Party cadre and active membership. He urged that all arbitrary and mechanical concepts of membership, having no relationship to current conditions, should be put aside.

RUSSO was of the opinion that on the basis of the minimal approach outlined by GUS HALL at the Plenum, it was possible to win the overwhelming majority of the Party membership to register and thus avoid a catastrophic decline that would greatly weaken the Party, impair its ability to carry out the responsibilities before it, and deprive it of many valuable members who would prove their effectiveness in days ahead. Above all, RUSSO emphasized that most serious efforts must be made to retain the Party's working class and negro membership, for losses in this respect with further aggravate the already serious situation faced by the Party with regard to the class composition of the Party. RUSSO asserted that not a worker, not a negro, should be dropped without the approval of a higher body or committee, and where they had already been dropped without the approval of a higher committee, these cases could be reviewed with the aim of retaining them in the Party.

In his letter, RUSSO stated that registration must be completed by November 15, 1950.

Commenting on the dues status in this particular district, RUSSO observed that no appreciable improvement in the situation had been

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noticed since registration got under way, for the simple obvious reason that a number of the membership were not yet attached to one of the Party organizations, and consequently, were inactive and did not pay dues.

RUSSO pointed out that intolerable situations existed where scores, if not hundreds, of Party members remained unattached, and that if this continued, it would give rise to uncontrollable liquidationist tendencies. He said that assigning Party members to a Party organization was an indispensable part of registration. Particularly, he stressed the need of assigning every shop worker to a Party organization.

As part of the preparations of the district and national conventions, RUSSO urged a serious effort to guaranty that every registered member was paid up in dues.

With regard to the question of Party recruiting, RUSSO noted that recruiting had come to a standstill in this district; that the attitude prevailed in Party ranks generally, that it was impossible to recruit. RUSSO felt that this was utterly wrong, and did not reflect the understanding of what was meant by a Party of a new type. He admitted recruiting could not be undertaken in the old way, and that new forms of recruiting must be developed in keeping with the requirements of the present situation. The fact was, he insisted, that the Party must recruit regardless of the objective situation, for the Party could not remain static. To fail to recruit, to operate on the theory that now was not the time to recruit, RUSSO pointed out, was to succumb to liquidationism.

RUSSO observed that even to retain the Party's present membership strength, recruiting must take place. He strongly recommended that the possibilities of recruiting a modest number of workers into the Party by the time of the National Convention be examined, for the fulfilment of a minimum recruiting drive, however modest, would have a healthier effect on the membership as a whole.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPROXIMATES 46,000

As indicated in reference report, National Membership of the Communist Party, USA, was approximately 46,000 as of March, 1950. This figure of 46,000 is based on the fact that Confidential Informant T-56, of known reliability, previously reported that the 1949 national membership totalled 54,000, and HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Organizational Secretary, at a National Committee Plenum held March 20-22, 1950, admitted that the 1949 membership had declined by 15 percent.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the Communist Party, USA, for the quarterly period beginning October 1, 1950, and ending December 31, 1950.

Copies of this report have been designated for all divisions for informational purposes in accordance with specific Bureau instructions.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, dated at New York November 17, 50 are identified as follows:

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T-4	[redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted]	b6 b7C b7D
T-5	ND 425	
T-6	[redacted]	Referral/Consult
T-7	[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]	b6 b7C b7D
T-8	Milwaukee Confidential Informant M-136.	
T-9	District Intelligence Office Third Naval District, New York City	

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[redacted] who furnished information
to SA [redacted]

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identity of this informant because
of the frequent references thereto
in all sections of this report. b7D

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[redacted] to SA FRANK J. SMITH

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[redacted] who furnished information b6
to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY and b7C
[redacted] b7D

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[redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information
to SA JOSEPH F. CONDON.

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[redacted] who furnished information
to SA JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.

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[redacted]
New York City, to SA JOHN H.
KLEINKAUF, who requested that
his identity be kept confiden-
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[redacted] who furnished information
to SA [redacted]

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to SA [redacted]

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SA THORNTON M. WOOD, and who
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to SA JOSEPH F. DIFFLEY.

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[REDACTED] who furnished informa-
tion to SA ELDRED W. COX and SA
WILLIAM J. TRACY.

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[REDACTED] Yonkers, New York.

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Brooklyn, New York, who furnished
information to SA ROBERT C. BURNS,
and who requested that his
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information to SA [REDACTED]
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District Intelligence Office, Miami, Florida.

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Bulet to New York, 1/6/50, captioned: "Communist Party, USA-Membership", transmitting compilation on membership throughout the U.S. as received from all field offices.

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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, who

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished this information to SA JOSEPH F. DIFFLEY and requested that his identity be kept confidential.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, 7/19/50.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

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Foley Square
New York 7, New York

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November 27, 1950

Director, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Infile: 100-3-58

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is information obtained by ND 426 on 11/1/50 from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York. This building is occupied by the following, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

The original exhibit is being retained in the files of the New York Office.

Description of exhibit: *100-3-58-1398*

3 pg. mimeographed copy of a letter dated 10/23/50, on stationery bearing letterhead "Communist Party, U.S.A.", addressed "To All Districts, Dear Comrades", from "Comradely yours, M. RUSSO". The letter calls the attention of the various District Boards to important questions that relate to Party organization. Questions are:

Membership - Suggests extraordinary measures be taken to achieve maximum registration at once.

Dues - Suggests serious effort be made to guarantee every registered member is paid up in dues.

cc: 100-74560 (Funds) (Photostat)
100-80641 (Org.) "
HPL:LJR
100-80638



Enc. (1)

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, New York

December 8, 1950

Director, FBI

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
DISTRICT No. 2
NEW YORK DIVISION
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New York file 100-80638
Bufile 100-9-6

Your attention is called to SAC Letter No. 88, dated September 5, 1950. Section C of this letter sets out the method of reporting membership by the office of origin and the auxiliary offices. In the future the New York, Albany and Buffalo Divisions are instructed to comply with this letter.

In order that the New York Division will have the appropriate figures to include in the quarterly reports, the Buffalo and Albany Divisions should furnish the necessary information by letter to the New York Division in sufficient time for this information to be included in the New York quarterly report.

cc - Bufile
Albany

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New York, New York
December 27, 1950

MEMO:

RE: CP, USA
DISTRICT #2, NY DIV.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated 11/12/50, [redacted] furnished information concerning membership registration of the Bryant CP Club.

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[redacted] SA

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cc-NY 62-8363 (P. and C.)

NY 100-68378

NY 100-84887

NY 100-67838

NY 100-26603-Sub 5 (Bryant CP Club)

NY 100-80638 (CP, USA-Membership)

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Nov. 12, 1950

On Sunday night Nov. 12, 1950 I called [] the group Captain of the Youth, and later met her, she gave me \$1.60, she registered 2 people, with the following information:

1. employed at the Starret Television Corp. at 604 W. 26th St., belongs to the Industrial (Group B3).
2. Employed at the Malabar Operating Corp, 3216W. 23rd St. White collar.

[] was going to see one of her group, the other three were not available, but she had to locate them and register them when she sees them.

She was going to hold a meeting possible Wednesday, if I received a copy of the draft resolution before then I would drop up and give it to her.

After receiving this information I went to visit [] and gave all the aforementioned information explaining the procedure that [] told me about. I turned money and all over to her and she in turn gave me a receipt (enclosed) and I signed one for her also.

[] was coming up to see her tonight and probably enlighten on the proper procedure.

[] herself did not register her people, but called them on the phone, and they promised to visit her tomorrow (Monday) and another on Tuesday night, the meeting is going to be held at her house Tuesday night and only one or two people will be here.

I told her I might have to attend a union meeting, but if not I would be here.

When I arrived at home, my wife told me that [] had called and that I was to call her back. I did this and [] wanted to know how many people we registered, I gave her all the information even about [] and then [] said we would discuss it later, but according to my story, we would go through with dropping her.

[] asked me to keep in touch with [] and see that they register all their people; Before the meeting on Tuesday.

According to [] the Tremont Section headquarters will be open again in the very near future, for the purpose of holding meetings, and for anyone who wants to find out any information.

New York, New York
December 28, 1950

MEMO:

RE: CP, USA
DISTRICT #2, NY DIV.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By attached report dated 11/12/50, [redacted] advised of contacts with various members of the Bryant CP Club. Most of the business discussed concerned registration of members and collection of dues.

[redacted] SA

cc-NY 62-8363 (P. and C.)
NY 100-80638 (CP, USA-Membership)
NY 100- [redacted]
NY 100-8488 [redacted]
NY 100-74560 (CP, Funds)

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Nov. 12, 1950

On Saturday night I called [] group captain of the Youth, and asked her if she had registered her people, she did not see them but if I called on Sunday night she would have all the information for me.

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I visited [] on Sunday morning Nov. 12, as I had planned she lives at [] she visited all her people, registered four and collected dues and assessment from all.

While we were talking, [] came in and gave [] some money she collected from one of [] members.

[] also showed us how to fill out information which we gather from our people.

In the case of dues it must be prepared as follows, otherwise the coordinator will not take the information, the months from the last to Dec. must be placed as follows, for instance if a person did not pay since June, it must be put down as follows:

Club B1	Month	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Assesment
1st per.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2nd "		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3rd	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4th		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5th			1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	2	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Add all	31								
Assess.	5								

This information must go on one piece of paper, on another piece of paper this information must be written down, whether the person pays \$2.00, \$1.00, .35 or .10 follows how many at

\$2.00	\$1.00	.35	.10
1. 1			
2.	1		
3.		1	
4.		1	
5.			1

Total dues collected 1 at \$2.00 for 7 mos. - \$14.00, 1 at \$1.00 for 6 mo. \$6.00, 1 at .35 for 7 mos \$2.45, 1 at .35 for 6 mos, - \$2.10, and 1 at .10 for 5 mos - \$.50 plus an assessment for \$2.00, \$1.00 2 at .35 .70 and one at .10 making a total dues and assessment collection of \$25.05 plus an assessment of \$3.80 making a total collection of \$28.85.

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This complete information must accompany the list of those registered, and given to the financial Sec. of the club who in turn will turn it over to the Section Staff.

Another thing that each group captain, coordinator, and in fact anyone who is giving or receiving money, a written receipt must be given and a record kept in the following manner, the group captain will give a member a receipt for dues received, and keep the duplicate, when said group captain turns over this money to coordinator she will give the receipt also for same the coordinator in turn will give the group captain a receipt for said money and keep a receipt, then turn the coordinator turns over the money to the financial Sec. he will in turn get a receipt and give one in return. The coordinator will turn over all the receipts from all the group captains to the financial Sec. who then can compare the money received with the receipts in this manner an accurate record can be kept of all money turned in.

This step was not in the original plan but because in the past, through negligence, through forgetfulness, money was not accounted for, and an accurate record could not be kept, so we decided to give receipts to cover ourselves, and account for every penny collected.

If at any time, we spend any money for receipt books, etc, we must fill out a voucher for it and get it back from the financial Sec.

I told [] I had to visit [] and I doubted very much if she wanted to re-register. I asked if she would like to come along, she said yes.

The reason I asked her to come was, [] that every member of her group must attend meetings if possible every week, no one was to be excused from this important function because if they did not attend, how could they know what the Party is doing, for only through the group captains can the members know this therefore, every member must attend meetings and participate in tasks no matter how minute.

If it is not possible for a person to attend then may be the meeting can be held at their house, otherwise the Party has no use for them at this crucial period.

On this basis I asked [] to visit [] with me, I knew that she would not attend meetings due to a number of reasons.

I left 3 Oct. P.A. with [] and then [] and I went to visit [] We rang the bell, and a few minutes later [] came to the door, thrust \$1.20, (for two Garden tickets which I sold her a while back) into my hand and was set to close the door without asking us in. I proceeded to tell her that we were in the midst of registering people and we were here to register her, she answered rather abruptly that she did not want to re-register, [] asked her again, and she said that she did not want to re-register and closed the door.

[] then said to me that we should drop her from the Party without

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further delay.

I then took [] home and on the way over she told me about her sons, who were active in the LYL and were also going to attend the coming convention.

In her house it is wonderful how harmonious everything is, each one of the family understands and agreed wholeheartedly with one another Politically and otherwise.

[] asked about my wife, how she reacted toward me, if she knew about my being in the Party and why don't I take her to meetings, of the ALP the Amer. Woman for Peace, even if I have to stay at home sometime, I explained that it is not as easy as all that, that my wife is not interested enough to take part in anything of the kind, goes to an occasional movie, but otherwise is not interested in anything else.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York

DATE: Jan. 10, 1951

FROM: *RWW* SAC, AlbanySUBJECT: CP, USA
District No. 2
New York Division
Membership
(NY File 100-80638)Re SAC Letter No. 63, dated September 5, 1950, Section C, and
Bureau letter to New York, dated December 6, 1950.The following membership figures are furnished for your use in
preparing quarterly report for the period, October 1, 1950 through
December 31, 1950.The estimated membership of the Communist Party in the Northeastern
Sub-District, New York State is 200, composed as follows:

<u>Estimated membership</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Colored</u>
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Utica, N.Y. Area

28	23	5	28	--
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Albany, N.Y. Area (Capital District)

172	96	76	153	19
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Estimated membership in the portion of the Western Sub-District
covered by the Albany Division is 184, composed as follows:

Syracuse, N.Y. Area

85	46	39	58	27
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Binghamton, N.Y. Area
(Southern Tier or Triple Cities Area)

99	61	38	89	10
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Total estimated membership for the portion of New York State covered
by the Albany Division is 384.**

Membership in the Communist Party in the portion of New York State covered
by the Albany Division was estimated by taking membership figures
previously furnished by Confidential Informants, adding to that, member-
ship of individuals identified as members of the Party joining or trans-
ferring subsequent to the figures given by the informant, and deducting
from that, total members known to have moved from the territory or to
have been expelled, or otherwise severed their connection with the
Communist Party.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: January 8, 1951

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
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A review of the membership figures for the Communist Party, USA, for the past few years reflects a decline of from approximately 74,000 members in January, 1947 to approximately 51,785 members in September, 1950.

The following are pertinent membership figures received from District No. 2:

December, 1948 - 28,391
June, 1949 - 27,000
December, 1949 - 25,000
June, 1950 - 26,512.

From the above figures it appears that the membership in District No. 2, which at the present time amounts to over half of the total membership of the Communist Party, USA, is not decreasing at the same rate as in other districts. This could be attributed to unusual recruitment measures on the part of the Communist Party in District No. 2 or to the lack of reasonably accurate information concerning membership on the part of your office, which is office of origin for District No. 2. The New York Office should make every reasonable effort to obtain and keep current on a quarterly basis accurate figures relating to the Party membership in District No. 2.

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TO : SAC, New York

FROM : *pt* SAC, Buffalo

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
District No. Two
Buffalo Division
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: January 4, 1951

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Information on the membership of the Communist Party in the territory covered by the Buffalo Division is being set out below. The figures given are approximate since accurate figures are not available as a result of tight security measures by the local CP. In this connection it might be noted that on January 3, 1951, [redacted] all of known reliability and familiar with CP activities in Buffalo, advised SA [redacted] of this office, that the registration of CP members locally has been on a more or less hit or miss basis. These informants said that in their opinion they did not think that the Party itself knew the number of members which it had in this territory. In addition, informants said that some of the members are not registering for 1951 because of the McCarran Act, but that they have indicated that they intend to continue their CP activities and to pay dues and assessments.

The subdistrict of the CP for Western New York comprises the following counties located in the Buffalo Division territory:

Allegany	Erie	Niagara
Cattaraugus	Genesee	Ontario
Chautauqua	Livingston	Orleans
Chemung	Monroe	Schuyler
Seneca	Steuben	Wayne
Woming	Yates	

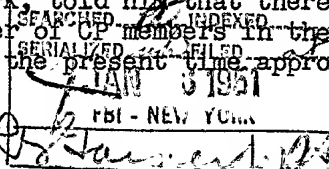
The following counties of the subdistrict are in the territory of the Albany Division:

Broome	Onondaga
Tioga	Tompkins

The membership of the CP in the entire subdistrict of Western New York was, on May 9, 1950, approximately 500. This information is based on information received on May 9, 1950, from [redacted] by Special Employee [redacted] to the effect that JOHN NOTO, Chairman of the Subdistrict of the CP for Western New York, told him that there were about 500 CP members in the subdistrict. The number of CP members in the territory of the Buffalo Division is believed to be at the present time approximately 364.

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Buffalo, New York
January 4, 1951

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
District No. Two
Buffalo Division
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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The above figures are based on the following information: On January 30, 1950, [redacted] advised SA EDWIN F. DOOLEY that the Buffalo membership of the CP was 292. However, on December 22, 1950, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had received information from [redacted] Chairman of the Erie County CP, a few days previous, that 63 members had left the Party in Buffalo. However, the informant said that some of these members who have left the Party have refused to register only because of fear of arrest under recent legislation. They have indicated to the informant that they intend to continue their Party activities and pay CP dues and assessments.

In regard to Lackawanna, New York, on October 12, 1950, BC-151 advised Special Employee LEONARD T. McGUIRE that he had received information from [redacted] that there were thirty-nine members in Lackawanna, New York.

In regard to Rochester, New York, on March 6, 1950, [redacted] informant BC-50 advised Special Employee [redacted] that he had received information that same date from [redacted] Secretary-Treasurer, Monroe County CP, that there were 81 members registered in Rochester as of that time. No more recent information has been obtained in regard to the Rochester membership. However, if the membership loss in Rochester is computed on the same basis as the loss in Buffalo it would result in a membership figure of approximately sixty for Rochester and this figure has been used in computing the membership in the Buffalo district territory. The remaining Party members of the figure 364 in the Buffalo territory are located in Elmira, Jamestown, Niagara Falls and Canandaigua, New York.

The above is being submitted in order that the New York Division will have the appropriate figures on membership in the Buffalo territory for inclusion in its quarterly report on District No. Two.

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TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Re: Membership
QUARTERLY PERIOD - OCTOBER 1
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1950

At 15th National Convention, CPUSA, held in NYC, December 28-31, 1950, following 13 members of former National Committee were reelected: WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, EUGENE DENNIS, GUS HALL, HENRY WINSTON, JOHN WILLIAMSON, JOHN GATES, ROBERT THOMPSON, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, IRVING POTASH, JACK STACHEL, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, GILBERT GREEN and CARL WINTER. Nine alternate members also elected: PETTIS PERRY, CLAUDIA JONES, JAMES JACKSON, FRED FINE, SIDNEY STEIN, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, ARCHIE BROWN, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and MARTHA STONE. Following 5 top officers reelected: WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman; EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary; GUS HALL, National Secretary; HENRY WINSTON, National Organizational Secretary, and JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary. National CP membership reported at 51,785 in September, 1950. Continuing serious financial condition alleged by CPUSA with 1950 dues collections \$50,000 below 1949 total. During re-registration period, many members dropped in order to reduce Party to hard core of reliable and trusted members. BELLA V. DODD reported as planning creation of new Marxist party.

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headed by EARL BROWDER. Peace-by-Christmas campaign waged as part of peace fight, latter continuing to be emphasized as central task of CPUSA. President Truman's statement relative to possible use of atom bomb condemned by CPUSA. German rearmament also opposed by CPUSA. CPUSA pressing drive to gain UN seat for Red China. Any connection with assassination attempt on President disclaimed by CPUSA which demands Puerto Rican independence. CPUSA of opinion that while Progressive Party has not outlived its usefulness, it is not answer to third party. Development of broad people's coalition for independent political action advocated by CPUSA. CPUSA continues to denounce Internal Security Act of 1950 and avows its members will not register as required. President's emergency mobilization orders hit by CPUSA as fascist in scope. United labor action for peace stressed by CPUSA. Use of Negro troops in Korea attacked by CPUSA. Convening of first National Convention of LYL in November, 1950 hailed as notable contribution in winning youth for peace. Veteran's and women's committees for peace active in anti-war struggle. Selection and training of cadres, especially of Negro women and youth, urged by CPUSA for work in cultural field. Work among Mexican-Americans being given marked attention by CPUSA. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S new book, "An Outline Political History of the Americas", scheduled for publication in February, 1951. Discussion guide issued by National Education Department on Draft Resolution prepared by National Committee for pre-convention discussion throughout Party.

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NY File 100-4931

Period: October 1 to December 31, 1950

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)
(New York File 100-80638)

According to Confidential Informant T-33, of known reliability, the national membership of the Communist Party, USA, in September, 1950, was approximately 51,785.

Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, reported that at the 15th National Communist Party Convention, held in New York City December 28-31, 1950, NORMAN SCHRANK, Assistant New York State Communist Party Organizational Secretary, intimated that the Party's national membership was around 50,000.

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V. UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS	SA ROBERT C. BURNS
VI. FACTIONALISM	SA THORNTON M. WOOD
VII. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	SA [REDACTED]
VIII. UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION	SA [REDACTED]
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XXII. PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS	SA JOHN T. MURPHY
XXIII. EDUCATION	SA [REDACTED]

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At New York, New York:

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the Communist Party, USA, for the quarterly period beginning January 1, 1951, and ending March 31, 1951.

Copies of this report have been designated for all Divisions for informational purposes, in accordance with specific Bureau instructions.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants referred to in the report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, New York, dated January 30, 1951. are identified as follows:

T-1	ND 301.	
T-2	[redacted]	b7D
T-3	[redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.	
T-4	[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]	
T-5	[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]	b6 b7C b7D
T-6	[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]	
T-7	[redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.	
T-8	[redacted]	
T-9	[redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.	
T-10	ND 301.	
T-11	[redacted] contacted by SA JOHN R. HIGGINS, JR.	b7D
T-12	ND 610, who furnished information to SA RUSSELL S. GARNER.	
T-13	ND 611, who furnished information to SA RUSSELL S. GARNER.	

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T-14 ND 419.

T-15 ND 426.

T-16 [] who furnished information
to SA FRANK R. LONGO.

T-17 ND 425 b7D

T-18 ND 515

T-19 [] who furnished information
to SA FRANK J. SMITH. b6
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T-20 [] who furnished information
to SA [] b7D

T-21 [] who furnished information
to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY. b7D

T-22 [] b6
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T-23 [] New York City, who
furnished information to SA
ALBERT J. KLEIN. [] requested
his identity be kept confidential. b7D

T-24 []

T-25 [] b6
b7C
[] who furnished
information to SAs PAUL D. EARNEST
and PATRICK D. PUTNAM

T-26 [] b6
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New York City, who requested his
identity be kept confidential.

T-27 ND 601

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS (Cont'd)

T-28 Confidential source at Federal House of Detention, 427 West Street, New York City.

T-29 ND 591.

T-30 ND 516.

T-31 [redacted] b6
[redacted] who furnished information to b7C
SA [redacted] b7D

T-32 [redacted] con- b7D
tacted by SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.

T-33 Bureau letter to New York dated January 8, 1951, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C" transmitting a compilation of national Communist Party membership as of September, 1950.

T-34 ND 609, who furnished information to SA RUSSELL S. GARNER.

T-35 [redacted] who furnished information to b6
SA [redacted] b7C

T-36 [redacted] b6
[redacted] who furnished information to b7C
SA [redacted] b7D

T-37 [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information
to SA [redacted]

T-38 [redacted] b7D
[redacted] who furnished information to
SA H. RAWLINS OVERTON.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS (Cont'd)

T-39 [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information to
SA CARL R. O'CONNOR. b7D

T-40 [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information
to SA CARL F. FREYMAN. b6
b7C

T-41 [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information to
SA [redacted]

T-42 Confidential mail box maintained by
the New York Office, contents of b6
which were made available to SA b7C
JOHN T. MURPHY. b7D

T-43 [redacted]
who furnished information to SA
[redacted]

T-44 ND 606.

T-45 [redacted] b7D

T-46 [redacted]

T-47 SA J. GARTH GRAY.

T-48 [redacted] who furnished information to
SA ELDRED W. COX.

T-49 Office of the United States Attorney,
Southern District of New York.

T-50 [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information to b6
SA [redacted] b7C
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T-51 [redacted]
who furnished information to SA
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REFERENCE: Report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York,
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Re: Membership</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">QUARTERLY PERIOD - OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1950</p> <p>Fifteenth New York State CP Convention held December 22-24, 1950 in NYC, at which State Committee of 15 members was elected, believed to comprise: ROBERT THOMPSON, GEORGE BLAKE, HOWARD JOHNSON, [REDACTED] SIMON W. GERSON, LILLIAN GATES, ISRAEL AMTER, ALBERT LANNON, BEN "BROOKLYN" DAVIS, [REDACTED] all of NYC; JOHN NOTO and [REDACTED] of Buffalo, and [REDACTED] of Schenectady. THOMPSON also reelected NY State Chairman. Approximately \$174,000 constituted net proceeds of District #2 from two 1950 fund drives. Many members dropped during re-registration period in order to reduce Party to hard core of reliable and trusted members. Charges of anti-leadership tendencies and sectarianism responsible for shake-up in Queens County CP leadership. Fight for peace highlighted NY State convention. District #2 disappointed at poor showing of ALP in 1950 NY State elections and defeat of Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO. ALP enrollment now lowest in its history. Internal Security Act of 1950, Smith Act and Feinberg Law continue to be attacked by District #2. District #2</p>			
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demands extension of state rent control law and announces its support of 8 suspended NYC school teachers. Increased industrial concentration, particularly in AFL unions, urged at state convention. CP active in combating alleged discrimination in housing, employment and police brutality affecting Negroes. First National Convention of LYL in November, 1950, lauded as notable contribution in winning youth for peace. Veteran's and women's committees for peace active in anti-war struggle. Off-Broadway plays being produced by "progressive" drama groups. Literature and educational work of District #2 emphasizes peace fight.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

CP, USA
District #2
New York Division
NY File 100-26603
Period: October 1 to December 31, 1950

MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)
(New York File 100-80638)

The best estimate of the current membership of the Communist Party in District #2, which embraces all of New York State, is approximately 22,575.

The approximate membership in the New York Division is presently about 21,825.

The figure of 384 Communist Party members in the Albany Division was estimated by taking membership figures previously furnished by Albany Confidential Informants, and adding to that membership of individuals identified as members of the Party joining or transferring subsequent to the figures given by informants, and deducting from that the total members known to have left the territory or to have been expelled, or otherwise severed their connection with the Communist Party.

The estimate of 364 Communist Party members in the Buffalo Division was based on information furnished during 1950 by Confidential Informants T-33, T-34, and T-35, all of known reliability.

No current figures are available relative to membership in the New York Division, but the membership was estimated in the following manner:

The years 1947 and 1948 were taken as the norm when reasonably accurate and complete Party membership data were available to the New York Office. It was found,

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on the basis of National and New York State figures then available, that the New York State membership averaged 43.6% of the total National membership during that two-year period. It was then assumed that this same ratio would probably apply during the years 1949-1950.

The September, 1950, National membership, according to Confidential Informant T-38, of known reliability, was an estimated 51,785. ^{43.6%}~~45%~~ of this figure is approximately 22,575. By subtracting the aforementioned 748 Albany and Buffalo Division members, the approximate figure 21,825 is obtained as constituting the membership in the New York Division as of September, 1950.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

Will follow and report pertinent activities of District #2, Communist Party, USA, for the quarterly period beginning January 1, 1951, and ending March 31, 1951.

Copies of this report have been designated for the Albany, Buffalo and Newark Offices for informational purposes in view of the contiguity and related interest in the activities of District #2.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, New York, dated January 30, 1951 are identified as follows:

T-1 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

T-2 ND 419 b7D

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T-4 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]

T-5 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

T-6 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]

T-7 [redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY

T-8 [redacted]

T-9 [redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-10 ND 301 b7D

T-11 ND 609, who furnished information to SA RUSSELL S. GARNER.

T-12 [redacted] who furnished information to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY

T-13 [redacted]

T-14 [redacted] New York City, who furnished information to SA ALBERT J KLEIN. [redacted] requested that his name be kept confidential. b6 b7C b7D

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T-15 ND 426.

T-16 [redacted] who furnished information to SA FRANK R. LONGO

T-17 ND 425. b7D

T-18 ND 515

T-19 [redacted] who furnished information to SA FRANK J. SMITH

T-20 [redacted]

T-21 [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information to SAs PAUL D. EARNEST and PATRICK D. PUTNAM b6 b7C

T-22 [redacted]
New York City, formerly associated [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]
[redacted] requested that his name be kept confidential.

T-23 [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished information to SA FRANK J. SMITH. [redacted]
[redacted] requested that his name be kept confidential. b6 b7C b7D

T-24 [redacted]
[redacted] New York City, member [redacted]
[redacted] New York City, who requested that his name be kept confidential. He furnished information to SA FRANK J. SMITH.

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T-25 [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOSEPH F. DIFFLEY.

T-26 [redacted] who furnished information to SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF. b7D

T-27 [redacted] who furnished information to SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF.

T-28 [redacted]
[redacted] Bronx, New York, contacted by SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF. [redacted] requested that his name be kept confidential.

T-29 [redacted]
[redacted] Brooklyn, New York, contacted by SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF. [redacted] requested that his name be kept confidential. b6 b7C b7D

T-30 [redacted]
[redacted] Sunnyside, Long Island New York, contacted by SA(A) JOHN H. KLEINKAUF. [redacted] requested that his name be kept confidential.

T-31 Los Angeles Confidential Informant LA 2529

T-32 ND 611, contacted by SA RUSSELL S. GARNER

T-33 [redacted] contacted by SE [redacted] b6 b7C

T-34 [redacted] contacted by SAs EDWIN F. DOOLEY and [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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T-35 Buffalo Confidential Informant
EC 151, who furnished information
to SE LEONARD T. McGUIRE

T-36 [] who furnished information b6
to SE [] b7C
b7D

T-37 [] who furnished information to b7D
SA JAMES J. MCCARTHY.

T-38 Bureau letter to New York dated
January 8, 1951 captioned
"COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, MEMBERSHIP -
INTERNAL SECURITY - C" transmitting
a compilation of national Communist
Party membership as of September
1950.

T-39 Confidential mail box maintained
by the New York Office the contents
of which were made available to
SA JOHN T. MURPHY.

T-40 ND 606.

T-41 []

T-42 []

T-43 SA J. GARTH GRAY

T-44 Confidential source at the Federal
House of Detention, 427 West Street,
New York City. b7D

T-45 [] contacted by SA RUSSELL S.
GARNER.

T-46 []

T-47 [] contacted by SA ELDRED W.
COX.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Russell S. Garner, New York,
dated 11/18/50.